DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

DEMAND X—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—HEADS OTHER THAN ACCOUNT OFFICE.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2,12,415, under Demand X—General Administration—Heads other than Account Office.

Motion 312.

MR. K. P. KOCHU KORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : ഹജൂർകച്ചേരിയിൽ സൂപ്രണ്ടന്മാരായി ഗ്രാഡുവെറ്റ്സിനെ മാത്രമേ നിയമിക്കാവൂ എന്നൊരു ആർഡറുള്ളതായിട്ടാണ് തോന്നുന്നത്.

MR. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : Is the member in order in speaking on the motion without moving it.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : ഹജൂർകച്ചേരിയിലെ ക്ലാക്കന്മാരുടെ ശമ്പളമായ ഒമ്പതും പത്തും രൂപായിൽനിന്നും ഒരു രൂപാ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. ഹജൂർകച്ചേരിയിൽ സൂപ്രണ്ടന്മാരായി നിയമിക്കുന്നതു ഗ്രാഡുവെറ്റ്സായിരിക്കണമെന്നു ഒരു നിർബന്ധമുള്ളതായി കേട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്. ആ പതിവു മി. വി. പി. മാധവറാവു ദിവാൻജിയുടെ കാലം മുതല്ക്കു തുടർന്നു നടന്നുകൊണ്ടുവന്നിരുന്നു ഈ പതിവിനു ഒരു ലംഘനം വന്നപ്പോൾ മേലാൽ അങ്ങിനെ വരാൻപാടില്ലെന്നു നാട്ടുനീങ്ങിയ മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു ഹജൂരിലേക്കു ഒരു തിരുവെഴുത്തയച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായും ഞാൻ കേട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : ഈ തിരുവെഴുത്തുണ്ടായതു ഏതാണ്ടിലാണ്?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : വി. പി. മാധവറാവുവിന്റെ കാലത്താണ് എന്നാണ് ഞാൻ കേട്ടിട്ടുള്ളതു്.

കുറെ പഴക്കമൊന്ന അണ്ടർഗ്രാഡുവെറ്റ്സിനെ ഹജൂർകച്ചേരിയിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ സൂപ്രണ്ടാക്കാറുണ്ട്. ഈ നയം കാര്യക്ഷമതയ്ക്കു ഹാനികരമാണ്. ഇപ്പോൾതന്നെ ഹജൂർകച്ചേരിയിൽ ഒരു പേപ്പർ പോയാൽ അതു പുറത്തുവരുന്നതു വളരെ താമസിച്ചാണ്. ഈ തരത്തിലുള്ള നിയമനങ്ങൾ തുടർന്നാൽ ഹജൂർകച്ചേരിയിൽ പോകുന്നതായ കടലാസുകൾ ഒരിക്കലും പുറത്തുവരികയില്ലെന്നാണ് എനിക്കു തോന്നുന്നതു്. അതിനാൽ ജനങ്ങളുടെ സൌകര്യത്തെ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചു ഹജൂർകച്ചേരിയിൽ അണ്ടർഗ്രാഡുവെറ്റ്സിനെ സൂപ്രണ്ടായിട്ടു നിയമിക്കുന്നതുള്ള നയം നിർത്തലാക്കുകയും, ഇപ്പോൾ ഏതെങ്കിലും അണ്ടർഗ്രാഡു

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[Mr. K. P. Kochukora Tarakan.]

വെറ്സിനെ ആക്ടിംങ്ങ് സൂപ്രണ്ടായി നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അവരെ അവരുടെ പഴയജോലിക്കു തിരിച്ചു അയച്ചു പകരം ഗ്രാഡ്വെറ്സിനെ നിയമിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യണമെന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ സഭ മുമ്പാകെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Sir, I rise to support the motion. To raise the very same question that has now been raised by Mr. Tarakan, I have tabled a motion which appears in the printed papers as motion No. 313. I submit Sir, that it is only in keeping with the elementary principles that the Superintendent must be more competent and more qualified than the supervised. With these words, I support the motion.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, in supporting the motion, I also wish to say a few words regarding the way in which appointments and promotions are given in the Huzur Secretariat, the office which is to be the model for all the offices of Government in the State. One would expect that there would be sound rules with regard to these appointments and promotions in the Secretariat, and that these rules would be adhered to. What we actually find is the contrary. It cannot be that these no rules for the guidance of the officers concerned such rules as exist are being violated, and violated grossly.

Sir, I am referring to one or two recent appointments. In Karkatakam, I put a question whether two graduates were given acting places in the Secretariat in supersession of the claims of other graduates who had already acted for many years. Then, the Chief Secretary gave me an answer that two clerks had been appointed ignoring the claims of the acting clerks and that those two had been put in a separate list. It seems he has divided the acting clerks into two groups. He said there was a general list of clerks and also a special list. It seems these two gentlemen were put in the special list and were given temporary posts. He also told me that the fact that these two gentlemen had been given the temporary posts would not in any way help them to supersede the other acting clerks when permanent vacancies arose. Sir, I may be permitted in this connection to read what the Chief Secretary then told me.

> "MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether it is a fact that recently when there were a large number of acting clerks in the waiting list fresh men were entertained from outside ignoring the claims of those who were in the waiting list.
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> MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that any claims were ignored. Acting men are put in a list in which they are arranged in the order of seniority. Whenever vacancies occur their legitimate claims are considered for appointments.
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> In the case of the special temporary vacancies which were created, Government took one or two men from outside. But they go into those temporary vacancies only. They do not enter into the general list and do not compete with

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the men in that list. The men in the general list get their turn in the order of seniority, when vacancies occur."

And then to my question

"Why were not men in the general waiting list appointed in vacancies for special work?"

He said

"It is not always possible to reserve men for special temporary vacancies."

Now, Sir, these two men, I understand, have been recently confirmed in supersession of the claims of over a dozen acting clerks. These people were entertained only towards the close of 1104. They have been preferred and the claims of over a dozen other clerks have been ignored simply to favour these two men. I understand that that has been done purely as an act of nepotism and corrupt influence. I wish to elicit information from the Chief Secretary in regard to the relationship of these two indviduals to persons in authority. I am now speaking subject to correction. I am told that one of these two clerks is a relative of the Head of the Administration and the other..... ...

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): If the member is not sure of it and if he speaks subject to correction, why should he make the assertion now?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I may be contradicted straight away by the Chief Secretary. There is another motion standing in my name, motion No. 313. I wanted to raise this question under that motion. But now that the question has been raised here, since I have not been able to get definite information on the matter, I am speaking subject to correction now.

One of these two clerks, Sir, as I have already stated, it seems, is related to the Head of the Administration. The other, I understand, is a relation of the Palace Officer of whom we heard a good deal in this Council, I mean Mr. Kulathu Aiyar.

Sir, if the highest officers of the State abuse their powers, how could we expect the other officers to make good use of their powers? That is a question for which I wish to get an answer from the Chief Secretary when he speaks on this motion. I have given notice of an interpellation in regard to this matter, but it still remains unanswered. I put the same question in a former session and it was not then answered. Ordinarily, Sir, when we complain of our questions not being answered in time, my friends on the other side tell us that since the information asked for had to be obtained from the officers of the departments concerned, the delays were inevitable. There is no possibility of any such excuse in the present instance. I wonder why my question has not been answered.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): Will the member be pleased to give us the names of the clerks whose claims have been overlooked?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I want information on that matter myself. I gave notice of the question about a month ago. It has not so far been answered. Sir, we give notice of questions with particular objects in view. I had sent up this question in order to get an answer before the demand under General Administration came up for discussion. Somehow, the Government have not thought it fit to answer my

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[Mr. A. Thanu Pillai.]

question. The information that I have asked for in my question is not probably worthy of publication. That is why Government feel reluctant to give it. That is the only inference possible in the circumstances.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*) . When the member has absolutely no information on the matter how can he say that the two clerks that he referred to have been given undue preference ?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : That is the information that I have been able to get. If I am wrong it is open to Government to correct me. But the Government are not prepared to give me information on the matter. They seem to withhold it deliberately.

Coming to another matter, namely of giving Superintendents' posts to non-guaduate clerks, that also appears to be against rules. It seems there is a long-standing rule that only graduate clerks should be made Superintendents. That rule also has been violated recently. It appears successive Dewans, from the days of Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao, have made it a definite rule, that graduates alone could be promoted as Superintendents. Now, that rule has been violated, first in favour of one Mr. Padmanabha Aiyar who is retained in service under very suspicious circumstances in regard to his age. It seems, simply because he has been long connected with journalism, he has been promoted to a Superintendent's place in the Secretariat, although on the ground of superannuation itself he is not eligible to continue in service. Many of his juniors have been, in former years, promoted as Superintendents ignoring him since he was only a non-graduate; but now, when a vacancy occurred, Government thought it fit to confirm him as Superintendent.

After him it appears another non-graduate has also been similarly promoted as a Superintendent. Sir, if the Government really are of opinion that it would be desirable to promote non-graduates also to Superintendents' posts, by all means let them do it. But, let them have it as their rule. Let them not have one rule and do quite the opposite. If they have rules, really, they should not be violated. Government should have their own rules consistent with efficiency; and having enacted such rules, they are not expected to violate them. We hear a good deal about the corruption and nepotism, on the part of the officers of Government in the matter of appointments. How is that state of affairs to be improved if the Head of the Administration himself does things like that ? My chief objection is for the rules being violated. I expect Government to deal with all their subordinates with fairness The Secretariat is now seething with discontent. The clerks do not know where they are. Most of these clerks get confirmed only after 6 or 7 years. If, under such circumstances, when the chance comes, their claims are superseded by their juniors simply because the latter have got high officials to back them up, I think, there could be no contentment in the service. Public service is sure to be vitiated by such conduct on the part of the highly placed officers of Government. With these words, I support the motion.

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, it has been stated that there is a rule in the Secretariat that only graduates should be promoted as Superintendents. So far as I am aware, there is no such definite rule. But, as a matter of general policy, only graduates are being promoted as Superintendents. It has now been laid down, as a general principle, that, for permanent and long vacancies, only graduates should be promoted as Superintendents.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKA (*Kunnatnad*): ചുരുങ്ങിയകാലത്തെ നിയമനവും ദീർഘകാലത്തെ നിയമനവും സ്ഥിരനിയമനത്തിനു ക്രമേണ കാരണമായിട്ടു തീരുകയില്ലേ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): When once it has been laid down as a general rule that only graduates should be promoted for permanent and long vacancies, that apprehension is groundless.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): When is a vacancy a long vacancy?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): When it is beyond three months. In short vacancies, it sometimes happens that the senior in the Section, who may happen to be a non-graduate, is promoted to act as Superintendent to suit the exigencies of service and to avoid dislocation of work. That alone has been done in one or two instances recently.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is it suggested that Mr. A. Padmanabha Aiyar has been appointed as Superintendent only in a short vacancy?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That point has been raised and discussed here thoroughly last year. Though called Superintendent, the nature of the work in the Press Room is quite different from the work of the Superintendent in the other Sections of the Secretariat. Government considered that, for the Press Room, the Superintendent must be a man with special qualification in the work there. Government found that the individual whom the member is now referring to was best qualified for the work.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): മി. പത്മനാഭയ്യർക്കു ശമ്പളം കൊടുക്കാനായി മാത്രം ഇങ്ങനെ ഒരു സൂപ്രണ്ട് ഉദ്യോഗം ഉണ്ടാക്കുകയാണോ ചെയ്തത്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, no; the post may be called by some other name. The work of the Superintendent of the Press Room is not like the work of the Superintendents in charge of the other Sections of the Secretariat.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): What was his special qualification to be appointed as Superintendent in the Press Room?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): His familiarity with newspapers and journalism.

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MR. E. V. KRISHA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : In what capacity did he get his knowledge of journalism ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have heard that, in former years, he was the correspondent of some newspapers.

MR. E V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Was he in service then ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That, I have not enquired into.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) Am I to understand that, without enquiring into the claims and qualifications of this gentleman, minutely, the appointment was made ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government knew that Mr. Padmanabha Aiyar was efficient in the work of the Press Room.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : How does the Government claim to know of his efficiency in that direction ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Those who appointed him knew him personally.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) Am I to take it that it is on account of such personal knowledge that he was appointed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) . Yes ; the appointing authorities knew his capacity.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) . Is it suggested that the authorities were alive to his qualifications ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) Yes, perfectly well alive to it.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : It is about his qualifications that I asked my question a while ago.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : And it is about that that I have already answered.

MR. E V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) Am I to understand that, besides what he has already stated, the Chief Secretary has nothing more to say in the matter ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Sir, I have already stated that non-graduates are appointed as Superintendents only in short vacancies.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Is there a definite rule that non-graduates should not be promoted to Superintendents' posts in long or permanent vacancies ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) . It has been laid down, as a general principle, that in long and permanent vacancies only graduates should be appointed as Superintendents.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know when that rule was laid down ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) ചുരുങ്ങിയ ഒഴിവു കളിലും ഗ്രാഡുവെറ്റുകളെ നിയമിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു വല്ല വിഷമവും തോന്നാറുണ്ടോ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have explained that. It would dislocate the work if we change hands, from one Section to another, even for short vacancies.

Then, Sir, reference was made by Mr. Thanu Pillai to certain irregularities in the matter of appointments in the Secretariat. As a rule, permanent appointments are made only from the list of acting hands ; and, in the matter of appointing hands for short temporary vacancies, the rule is that those in the waiting list should be preferred. But, there have been departures in the past from this rule. Some persons have been taken and given higher pay than the usual starting pay, and some others have been taken and given continuous appointments though there were seniors in the lists. I have got a list of about eight such persons There were special considerations which made the Government depart from the general rule in these eight cases. But, Sir, I am not prepared to discuss at length what these special considerations were.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) അക്കിംഗ കാരായി ട്ടു ഹാജർ ലിസ്റ്റിൽ കൊണ്ടവർ എത്രപേരുണ്ട്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Now, I think there are 31.

MR A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know, in the case of these two clerks, what the special considerations were ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have already said, Sir, that I am not prepared to discuss the special considerations which induced the Government to depart from the general rule in particular cases. But, these are not the only two cases in which such departure from the rule has been made. I have already stated that I have a list of eight such cases.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) May I know what the special considerations which induced the Government to depart from the general rule are ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have already said, Sir, that I am not prepared to discuss the special considerations that induced the Government to depart from the general rule.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Under what provision of law does he seek this refuge ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) Under the ordinary rights of a speaker.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Is it because those reasons cannot be divulged in public that he does not give them ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I am not prepared to discuss them.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Is it because those reasons cannot be stated in public or that they are private reasons of his own ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): All I can say is that they are special considerations.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are they State secrets which could not be divulged in this House?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I ask the Chief Secretary whether he knows the practice obtaining in the House of Commons when a minister refuses to answer a question like this?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member must know that better.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): He is shouted down!

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether he does not give the reasons because such discussion would be opposed to public policy or would not be in the interests of the State. I wish to know on what ground he refuses to discuss or to mention those special considerations. Sir, I wish to make one point clear. In this case, I made a definite statement that one of them is related to the Head of the Administration and the other to Mr. R. Kulathu Aiyar. I ask, are those the special considerations that weighed in this case. That is what I want to know?

PRESIDENT: Mr. Thanu Pillai, personal discussions of this description are not usually allowed. The general rule is that members during discussions should not descend to personalities. The Chief Secretary's statement was that the Government have, in making particular appointments, several considerations to weigh. In certain cases it will not be possible to discuss all those reasons. When he said that the Government had reasons, and the Government, after consideration of the reasons, and in their discretion, had to make certain exceptions to that rule. I think the matter stops there.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ എതിർക്കുന്നു. എന്നാൽ പരീക്ഷാ യോഗ്യതയുള്ളവർക്കു തക്കതായ ഉദ്യോഗവും പ്രമോഷനും നൽകണമെ ന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായത്തോടു ഞാൻ യോജിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. അണ്ടർഗ്രാഡു വെറ്റ്സിനു പ്രമോഷൻ നൽകാൻ പാടില്ല, അല്ലെങ്കിൽ നൽകിയി ട്ടുള്ളതു ശരിയല്ല എന്നുള്ള ഭാഗത്തിലാണ് എനിക്കു അഭിപ്രായ വ്യത്യാ സമുള്ളതു്. പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യത നോക്കി ഉദ്യോഗം കൊടുക്കാമെങ്കിലും പ്രമോഷൻ എക്സ്പീരിയൻസ്, എഫിഷ്യൻസി ഇതൊക്കെ നോ ക്കി വേണം കൊടുക്കാൻ. ഒരാളിന്റെ എക്സ്പീരിയൻസും എഫിഷ്യ ൻസിയും അറിയുന്നതു മിക്കവാറും അയാളുടെ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു മേല ധികാരിയായിരിക്കും. അതിനാൽ അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള അണ്ടർ ഗ്രാഡുവെ റ്റ്സിനു പ്രമോഷൻ കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാവശ്യമാണ്. ഇപ്പോൾ അങ്ങി നെ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതു അവരുടെ യോഗ്യതയേയും പരിച

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യത്തേയും പരിഗണിച്ചായിരിക്കും. അതിനാൽ അണ്ടർ ഗ്രാഡുവെറ്റു സിനു എത്രത്തോളം പ്രമോഷൻ കൊടുക്കാൻ സാധിക്കുമോ അത്രത്തോ ളം കൊടുക്കണമെന്നും ഗ്രാഡുവെറ്റ്സിനു പ്രമോഷൻ കൊടുക്കുന്നതിൽ എനിക്കു വിരോധമില്ലെന്നും ഉള്ള എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായത്തെ പ്രത്യക്ഷ പ്പെടുത്തിക്കൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : കീഴ്നടപ്പിനെതി രായും നിയമത്തെലംഘിച്ചും പ്രമോഷൻ കൊടുക്കണമെന്നാണോ മെംബ ർ പറയുന്നത്?

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഗ്രാഡുവെറ്റ്സിനു പ്രമോഷൻ കൊടുക്കാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നു ഞാൻ പറ യുന്നില്ല. പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യത മാത്രം നോക്കി പ്രമോഷൻ കൊടുക്ക ണമെന്നു നിശ്ചയിച്ചാൽ ഒരു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റു മേലധ്യക്ഷനെക്കാൾ ക്ര ടുതൽ പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതയുള്ള ഒരാൾ വരുമ്പോൾ അയാൾക്കു ആ ഡി പ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റു മേലധ്യക്ഷനെക്കാൾ വലുതായ ഒരുദ്യോഗം കൊടുക്കണ്ടേ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഇപ്പോഴുള്ള കീഴ് നടപ്പിനേയും നിയമത്തേയും ലംഘിക്കണമെന്നാണോ അഭിപ്രായം?

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): പ്രമോഷനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഒരു ഡെഫെനിറ്റ് രൂപം നടപ്പിലിരിക്കുന്ന തായിട്ടു എനിക്കറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ. അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു രൂപം ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നാൽ ഗവണ്മെന്റു അതു സ്വീകരിക്കേണ്ടതാണു്. താഴ്ന്ന ശമ്പളത്തിൽ ഹാ ജരിൽ സർവ്വീസിൽ പ്രവേശിച്ചു ൨൦-൦ ൨൫-൦ കൊല്ലം സെർവു ചെ യ്തു ഒരാൾക്കു സൂപ്പണ്ടുദ്യോഗം ലഭിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള അവസരം വരുമ്പോ ൾ അതു കൊടുക്കാൻ പാടില്ല എന്നു പറയുന്നതു വളരെ സങ്കടകരമാ യ ഒരു കാര്യമാണു്.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): I move for a closure, Sir.

PRESIDENT: It does not appear that anybody else wishes to speak.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഇതിനെ സംബ ന്ധിച്ചു ഏതാണ്ടു ഒരു നിയമമുണ്ടെന്നു ചീഫ് സെക്രട്ടറി പറഞ്ഞതു, പാലിക്കാൻ ഗവണ്മെന്റു ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്ന പക്ഷം ഞാൻ ഇതിനെ പ്രസ് ചെയ്യുന്നില്ല.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I oppose the withdrawal.

PRESIDENT : Mr. Tarakan who tabled this motion asks for the leave of the House to withdraw it. It has been opposed and so I put it to the House. Those who are in favour of allowing the withdrawal, please raise your hands.

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The question that leave be granted to withdraw the motion was put to the vote of the House and carried, 31 voting *for* the withdrawal and 14 *against*.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I want a poll.

A poll was taken with the following result :—

AYES—31.

1. Mr. K. P. Abraham.
2. Mrs. Anna Chandi.
3. Mr. S. Chattanatha Karayalar.
4. ,, M. Govindan.
5. ,, N. John Joseph
6. ,, K. C. Karunakaran
7. ,, K. I. Kocheeppan Mappilla.
8. ,, K. P. Kochukora Tarakan
9. Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar.
10. Mr. K. P. Madhavan Pillai (*Shertallai.*)
11. ,, Mahomed Mustapha.
12. ,, P. S. Mahomed
13. ,, K. Padmanabha Panikkar.
14. ,, L. J. T. Polgreen.
15. Mr. R. S. Subrahmanya Pillai.
16. ,, N. A. Sundaram Pillai.
17. ,, O. M. Thomas.
18. ,, L. A. Bishop.
19. ,, R. Dhanukoti Pillai
20. ,, K. George.
21. ,, P. Gomatinayakam Pillai.
22. ,, P. N. Krishna Pillai.
23. ,, R. Krishna Pillai.
24. Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai.
25. Mr. E. G. McAlpine.
26. ,, C. O. Madhavan.
27. ,, R. Nilakanta Pillai.
28. ,, Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai.
29. Dr. K. Raman Tampi.
30. Mr. R. Vaidyalingom Pillai.
31. ,, J. S. Westerdale.

NOES—14.

1. Mr. K. C. Chandi.
2. ,, A. S. Damodaran Asan.
3. ,, K. Gopalakrishna Pillai.
4. ,, K Krishnan Nair.
5. ,, E. V. Krishna Pillai.
6. ,, N. K. Krishna Pillai.
7. ,, S. Krishna Pillai.
8. ,, Tariatu Kunjitomman.
9. Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai.
10. ,, K. Madhavan Pillai.
11. ,, K. P. Madhavan Pillai (*Chirayinkil.*)
12. ,, K. Narayanaperumal Nadar.
13. ,, Rama Varma Raja.
14. ,, A. Thanu Pillai.

The question was carried, 31 voting *for* the withdrawal and 14 *against*. Leave was granted to the motion being withdrawn.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion 313.

The following motion, being identical to motion 312, was not moved:—

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM:

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 53,606 for Higher Grade Clerks by Rs. 7.

Motion 314.

The following motion was not moved :

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 540 for duty allowance to clerks at Bhakthivilas by Rs. 240.

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Motion 315.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Sir, I move the following motion:

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 10,850 for Typists by Rs. 330.

My object in tabling this motion is to draw the pointed attention of the Government to the proposal embodied in a token motion carried in this House during the last budget session. I would also enter my emphatic protest against the impropriety of the procedure followed by the Government in not giving effect to that proposal.

This matter, Sir, relates to the revision of the scales of pay of Typists in the Secretariat. In the Secretariat, among the Typists, there are ten Typists who began to draw a salary of Rs. 50 per mensem from Chingam 1098. Last year the Government proposed to revise the pay of these Typists. That proposal was in effect to pick out six Typists from among these ten Typists and to give three of them Rs. 75 and the other three Rs. 60 per mensem. Sir, the other four Typists who also began to draw a salary of Rs. 50 per mensem from the same time as the other six who stood to be benefited by the proposed revision do not by this measure stand any chance of getting any immediate advantage. Therefore Mr. K. G. Parameswaran Pillai, the member for Quilon, brought forward a token motion last year; and he proposed by means of that motion that a uniform time-scale of Rs. 50 to 75 may be given to these ten Typists. That motion was discussed in this House and was carried by a majority. But what is it that the Government have done? The Government accepted the motion and accepted a cut of one rupee and reduced the allotment by this one rupee. Sir, what the House wanted is not a reduction by one rupee. The House wanted the Government to accept the proposal that was embodied in the motion. Sir, the point that I have to emphasise upon is that the mover, Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai, placed before the Council a definite and specific proposal, and the whole discussion turned round on that specific proposal and it was then carried eventually. Therefore, the Government, with due regard to the wishes of this House, should accept the substance of the proposal and not satisfy themselves by reducing the amount of one rupee.

Sir, I believe that this proposal involves an important principle which affects the rights of this House. If in future the members are to bring forward such token motions and they are to place before the Council definite and specific proposals and those motions are carried by a majority and if the Government, following this precedent, are only going to give effect to such proposals by accepting these nominal cuts without giving effect to the real and specific proposals contained in those motions, my submission is that the rights of the members of this House stand to be prejudcially affected. Therefore it appears to us, Sir, that this procedure on the part of the Government cannot go unchallenged. It is for this purpose that I have brought forward this motion for the acceptance of this House.

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[Mr. N. K. Krishna Pillai.]

Now, according to the proposal of the Government, which is now being given effect to, an additional expenditure of Rs. 880 is involved for 11 months. If Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai's proposal was to be given effect to the additional expenditure that would be involved is only Rs. 550. Therefore, I have tabled for a cut of Rs. 330. With these few words, I would commend the motion for the acceptance of the House.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Sir, I wish to support the motion of my friend Mr. N. K. Krishna Pillai. Sir, let me not be understood as indulging in special pleading for a few Clerks. That is not the object with which I support the motion. I want to impress upon this House that the Government have thrown a challenge to this House ; and I am interested in noting how the House takes up that challenge. It is a challenge on the importance of token motions. If this House carries a token motion, does it mean that we are able to reduce only one rupee from the allotment, or does it mean that we have succeeded in successfully carrying our opinion expressed in this House with regard to the particular policy adumbrated by the mover of the motion ? Government made a proposal last time to give increment of pay to six Typists with certain objects. The House gave a different scheme. There was a clash of opinion, and it was decided by a majority of this House that the scheme underlying the motion of Mr. K. G. Paramesvaran Pillai was more acceptable to this House ; and under a token cut one rupee was deducted. The most funny thing that the Government did was that they ignored the importance of the token motion by merely reducing one rupee and following their scheme. I ask you, sir, whether anything can be more insulting to this House ? What is the use, I ask, of token motions, if this is to be their lot, if Government are going to attach this sort of importance to token motions ? That is what I wish to know. And I wish to know how this House is going to bring its own rights into effect, how this House is going to understand the privileges that it has already got. I want to know whether this House is going to stultify itself or whether it is going to vindicate its self-respect. After all, there was not much difference of opinion with regard to the principles adumbrated. Government admits that Typists are a hard-worked lot ; Government admits that they deserve encouragement and that they should be given more pay. So, six Typists were separately taken out to give encouragement to them. What the non-official side—or let me say the House in the majority—last time decided was that ten appointments instead of six should be set apart to give this sort of encouragement, because these ten Typists began to draw Rs. 50 from 1-1-1098. There should not be any invidious distinction between these Clerks. From the discussion it will be found that they have some lurking suspicion in the number six because a large majority of this House thought that these six appointments were taken out of the whole lot to favour somebody. That was the suspicion of this House. To obviate that and to give a

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chance to the Government to show that they were acting fairly, they never contested the principle that these Clerks legitimately required encouragement, that they required some additional pay. All that, was admitted by the Chief Secretary. He was simply repeating, "Why not allow the grant to six people?" The House was asking "Why not allow *ten* people who were receiving Rs. 50 from 1-1-98 being given the same pay?" Why should an invidious distinction be made among these? Or are the Government saying that these six men are specially qualified? I want to put that to Government. Anyhow this House having once accepted the scheme, promulgated by a member of this House, by means of a token motion and the Government having insulted us by reducing that one rupee and minimised the importance of the token motion, I hope, and hope rightly, that this House will not stultify itself and will surely stand up and vindicate its self-respect.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഗവണ്മെൻറു ചെയ്യു പോയ ഒരു പ്രവൃത്തിയെ ടോക്കൻമോഷൻ കൊണ്ടുവന്നു സെൻഷർ ചെയ്യുക യാണോ, അതല്ല ഗവണ്മെൻറു ചെയ്യാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്ന ഒരു പ്രവൃത്തി ചെയ്യാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നു പറയുകയാണോ ഉണ്ടായതു്?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): എന്റെ സ്നേഹിതൻ ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞതു് കേട്ടു മനസ്സിലാക്കിയതു തെറ്റിപ്പോയി. ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ സെൻഷർ ചെയ്യു എന്നു ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞില്ല. ഈ നിയമ സഭയിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറു കൊണ്ടുവന്നിരുന്ന ഒരു സ്കീം ശരിയല്ല എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു വേറെ ഒരു സ്കീം കൊണ്ടു വന്നു അതു ഭൂരിപക്ഷപ്രകാരം പാസാക്കി. അങ്ങിനെ ഭൂരിപക്ഷപ്രകാരം പാസാക്കിയ ഒരു സ്കീം ഗവണ്മെൻറു അംഗീകരിക്കേണ്ടതാണു്. അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്യാതെ ടോക്കൻ മോഷന്റെവില ഒരു രൂപാകുറയ്ക്കുകമാത്രമാണു എന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറു നിശ്ചയിച്ചതു് ഈ സഭയ്ക്കു അഭിമാനകരമല്ല എന്നാണു്ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞതു്.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഗവണ്മെൻറു പ്രപ്പോസൽ അനുസരിച്ചുള്ള ബഡ്ജറു തുകയിൽ ഒരു രൂപാ കുറച്ചതു പോകെ ബാക്കി തുക ഈ സഭ പാസാക്കി കൊടുക്കയാണു് ചെയ്തതെന്നറിയാമോ?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): ടോക്കൻ മോഷന്റെ അർത്ഥം ഞാൻ മനസിലാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ളതു് അങ്ങിനെയല്ല.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether it was not after a discussion in the Council—

PRESIDENT: The member has sat down. You are putting the question after he sat down.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, I move that the question be put.

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, in the last Budget Council, Government came forward with a proposal to inecrease the pay of six Clerks in the class of Typists. There are 19 Typists in the office. All of them were getting a pay of Rs. 20 to 50. Government thought that the existing number did not give sufficient scope for promotion to Typists in the office because they do not get promoted into the general clerical staff. Government therefore thought that six out of the 19 typists could be placed in two grades, 3 on Rs. 75 and 3 on Rs. 60. The Government thought that was adequate to the whole class of Typists. There would be two senior grades with six and a third grade with 13 appointments. That would give a proportion of 1:2. In most departments such a good proportion is not being maintained between the various grades of the office. So, Government rightly thought that 6 out of 19 was a very good proportion. Taking other departments, in the Education Department for instance, the proportion is 1 to 3 between the first grade and the second grade. Therefore, the Government considered that 1:2 was a very good scheme. The question was not considered from any personal stand-point. It is true perhaps that there were 10 persons who were in receipt of a pay of Rs. 50. In all the other departments there would be people like that. To-day there are people who get Rs. 70 for the last ten years.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I ask the Chief Secretary whether these facts were not placed before the House last time when the matter was discussed and whether the House did not go to the vote after hearing all these?

PRESIDENT: You are forgetting very often what happened before. You might remember that Mr. Krishna pillai did not put it merely on the technical ground but also argued on the merits and the Chief Secretary is at perfect liberty to answer him.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): But he could answer me.

PRESIDENT: He will answer you too.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) My answer will be in the course of the speech. I said that in the 40 to 70 grade there might be some people who would be in the top and getting that pay for a long time. Every department is like that. There is no departure in the Secretariat.

This proposal was brought before the House. A certain member of the House had a different scheme. He wanted that ten Typists should be given one single time-scale of Rs. 50 to 75. In the course of the discussion a majority of the House agreed to that scheme. Well, Sir, Government, in deciding the question, took into consideration the fact that the House wanted to better the prospects of the Typists. The House and the Government were agreed on one thing, namely, that the Typists' lot was hard and that some improvement should be made to their pay. Government and the House having agreed to that main principle, Government adhered to their scheme, which they were convinced was the right scheme. I think, the Government have ultimately the responsibility to decide which scheme they would have.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether th House did not sepecifically object to the six men alone being show preference?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) There is no ques tion of preference to the six men. There would be six promotions, bu there is no question of preference to six men or to ten men. The questio is apart from personalities. When we reorganise a department we d not consider the men; we consider the question in the abstract. I ma also say that ultimately all the men would get the benefit out of thi scheme. No reorganisation is proposed or should be proposed on th basis of personalities. So, Government, after carefully considering thi question, felt convinced that their scheme was adequate. A Governmen which provides for its own office staff far better rates of pay and pro motion than those in other offices of the State would not be doing—

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): May I know whether the one scheme was more expensive than the other?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The scheme pre pared by the government was not more expensive than that of th Council. The scheme of the Council was not cheap as Mr. Krishn Pillai said. It is not the immediate cost that must be taken into account We have to calculate the average. The average cost for the scale o Rs. 50 to 75 would be Rs. 65 or 68.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): What would be the difference approximately?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not worked it out. I did not expect the statement of Mr. Krishna Pillai that giving a time-scale was cheaper than giving a fixed pay.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) All that I said was that in the first year it would be cheaper.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. Sir, I hav e now explained the position taken by the Government. Government accepted what the House really wanted. They accepted the principles that the House wanted them to accept. The scheme to be adopted was only a matter of detail. Government felt convinced that the scheme the y should carry out was the one they had put before the House.

PRESIDENT: Does any other member wish to speak on that?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, all that the Chie f Secretary now told the House was placed—if I remember correct—befor e the House last time when this matter was discussed, and it was afte r discussing all this that the House came to a particular conclusion. Th e question then is whether the Government could have accepted that o r not. A certain additional amount was asked for and the suggestion o f this House was that, if it was utilised, it ought to be for giving incre ments of pay to ten Clerks and not to six. That was what this Hous e decided. I am at a loss to see what difficulty Government had i n

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[Mr. A. Thanu Pillai.]

giving effect to that decision of this House. It is that that we are now taking exception to. Government would easily have done it. But they have not done it.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): What was the *decision* of the House?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): If I remember correct, I think it is that ten Typists should be given a particular Scale. This was what Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai said:

"സിക്രിട്ടേറിയേറ്റിൽ ഉള്ള ന്യ ടൈപ്പിസ്റ്റന്മാക്ക് ന്യ ഠ -ം ഒ ഭ -ം രൂപാ ശമ്പളം കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനാണ് ഗവണ്മെൻറ് നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്. ഈ ടൈപ്പിസ്റ്റന്മാർ പത്തുപേക്കും ഫ ഠ ൻ വ ചിങ്ങത്തിലാണ് ഭ ഠ രൂപാ ശമ്പളം കിട്ടീട്ടുള്ളത്. അവരിൽ മൂന്നുപേക്കുമാത്രം ഒ ഭ രൂപായും മൂന്നുപേക്ക് ന്യ ഠ രൂപായും കൊടുത്ത ഒരു വ്യത്യാസം വരുത്തുന്നതിൻെറ അർത്ഥമെന്താണെന്നു എനിക്കു മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല. ഈ ഇനത്തിൽ വ വ ഠ രൂപായാണ് ക്രട്ടതലായിട്ട ചിലവാകുന്നത്. എന്നാൽ ഞാൻ ഇവിടെ നിർദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നത ഈ പത്തുപേക്കും ഭ ഠ രൂപാമുതൽ ഒ ഭ രൂപാ വരെ സ്കെയിൽവച്ചു കൊടുക്കണമെന്നാണ്. ഇങ്ങനെവരുമ്പോൾ ഭ ഭ ഠ രൂപായെ ഈ കൊല്ലത്തിൽ ചിലവുവരികയുള്ളു. അതുകൊണ്ടു ഈ നിർദ്ദേശത്തെ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് സ്വീകരിക്കണമെന്നു ഞാൻ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെടുന്നു."

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Shall I put him the specific question whether the motion as now interpreted does not alter the destination of a grant?

'ടൈപ്പിസ്റ്റന്മാരുടെ ശമ്പളത്തുകവകയ്ക്കു ചേർത്തിട്ടുള്ള ഫ ഠ ; ന്യ വ രൂപയിൽനിന്നും ഒരു രൂപാ കുറയ്ക്കണം.'

That was the motion proper; and I ask the question whether it was intended to alter the destination of that grant. I also want to know from the member whether a motion could be utilised to suggest the alteration of its destination?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know why the question is put?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I put the question because of Rule 50 of the Legislative Council Rules.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Was this objection taken at the time the motion was passed in this House?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I only wish to know from the member whether the decision as now interpreted can be supported by the Legislative Council Rules?

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) ; This objection was not raised at the time the motion was discussed and accepted by the House. When we now tell the Government that they have not carried out the wishes of this House, the Law Member objects that the motion was not in order on the ground that it alters the destination of a grant. I wonder how the Law Member can raise the point now. I think it does not alter the destination of the grant because when we sanctioned this additional allotment, we gave the direction that it should be utilised in a particular way.

PRESIDENT : On the basis of that direction could the whole amount that was voted by the Council have been utilised ?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Probably not the whole amount. Anyhow, the amount to be spent in accordance with the scheme suggested by this House would not have exceeded the allotment in the Budget.

PRESIDENT : The cut was only one rupee and that was a token motion.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : It is true, but we wanted the amount to be spent in a particular way ; that is why we did not cut out the whole amount.

PRESIDENT : But if your scheme were to be adopted the whole amount could not be spent.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : But, is there any inviolable rule that the whole amount granted ought to be spent ? I believe the rule is that the amount granted should not be exceeded.

PRESIDENT : If a particular method of utilising the amount was decided upon by the House, would not the House have cut every pie more than the required amount ?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Any how, Sir, the matter was clear. The whole matter was discussed and it was decided by this House that the increase of pay to the Typists should be given in a particular way. The objection is now raised that the whole amount asked for need not then have been sanctioned. That is not how the question was discussed and decided upon. These aspects of the question, and these technicalities have no place in discussing this motion, because it was this same House that discussed the matter in a particular form and came to a decision. No objection was taken to the form in which it was then discussed.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Does the passing of a token motion always mean the decision of the House on any particular point ?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I do not know, Sir, how that question arises.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additiovnl Head Sirkar Vakil*) : I am putting the question with a view to know whether there was a real decision ?

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I am called upon to answer a general question. Of course, the Law Member ought to look it up for himself. I am only concerned with this particular motion. This motion was moved with a definite object and on that this House came to a decision. To stand on technicalities now technicalities which the Law Member himself did not dream of when the matter was discussed last time, is rather strange. Anyhow, Sir, the fact is clear. Further I am addressing the House, especially the non-official side of the House. We brought forward a proposal which was accepted by the House and Government have not given effect to that proposal. The only point to consider now is the way in which the Government acted and whether that action of the Government should now be endorsed by this House or whether it should stick to its former decision. With these words I support the motion.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) : I move that the question be now put because the House is anxious to discuss the general policy of the Administration.

PRESIDENT : But any motion that is before the House must be allowed to be fully discussed. You cannot at the very beginning stand up and say that the question should be put.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : When I moved the motion, I moved it knowing fully well what reply would be given by the Government member. He has repeated the same arguments that were advanced by his predecessor Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar last time when this motion came up for discussion in the House. It was after hearing the Government side and after mature consideration of all the aspects of the question that the House gave its verdict against the proposal of the Government. The learned Chief Secretary was telling the House to-day that this measure would involve greater expenditure and would not be cheaper, at any rate, than the one advocated by the Government. I concede that. Eventually this may not be cheaper. But still, the question of cost apart, whatever be the merits of the case, this House has to vindicate its honour and self-respect. I regret I cannot accept the explanation offered by the Chief Secretary, and I press the motion to division.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : As I said before, it would be clear that the Government accepted the intentions which the House had. The House had certain generous intentions towards the Typists. Government also had certain generous intentions towards them.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : But, should they not give effect to those good intentions ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Only, the generous intentions of the Government did not go so far as the generous intentions of this House.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Does the member know that the House specifically objected to giving this increment to six Typists alone ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not in a position to say that. The spirit of that motion was that the Typists of the Secretariat were undergoing certain hardships and that they should be given some better prospects. That spirit was accepted; only, as I said, the generosity of the Government did not go so far as the generosity of this House, because, in a matter of this kind, Government have to consider other aspects also. They have to consider the postion of the Typists in other departments and offices, and they have also to consider whether the scheme submitted to the House was in their opinion good enough. It cannot be denied that the ultimate responsibility for deciding upon the scheme rests with the Government. They therefore decided to go ahead with the scheme which they had approved.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ ആഗ്രഹമനുസരിച്ചു കഴിയുന്നിടത്തോളം ജനറാസിറ്റി ഗവണ്മെൻറു ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) ഉണ്ട്.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Does the member know that stinted generosity may mean injustice?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) In this particular case, I do not agree.

PRESIDENT: Do you press the motion, Mr. Krishna Pillai?

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): I press the motion, Sir.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ഇതു വോട്ടെടുപ്പുന്നതിനുമുമ്പു് ഇതിലെ ഇഷ്യു എന്താണന്നു പ്രത്യക്ഷപ്പെടുത്തണം. ഇവിടെ രണ്ടഭിപ്രായം പ്രധാനമായി പറയുകയുണ്ടായി, അതായതു (ക) ക്ലാർക്കിനു ശമ്പളംകൊടുത്തതു തെറ്റിപ്പോയി എന്നും (ഖ) ഈ കൌൺസിലിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് അംഗീകരിച്ചില്ലെന്നും ഉള്ളതാണു്. ഇതിൽ ഏതാണ് വോട്ടിനിടുന്നതു എന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽകൊള്ളാം?

PRESIDENT: On a discussion of a motion like this, it is not on any particular point that the voting takes place. The motion before the House is for a particular cut from a particular amount. It is for a specific cut of Rs. 330 which apparently Mr. Krishna Pillai considered should be reduced from the amount which has been budgeted for by the Government for the pay of the Typists of the Secretariat according to the new scale. If it is carried it would mean that a cut of Rs. 330 is made; if it is not carried it would mean that the cut is not made.

Before putting this matter to vote, I would just say a word. There has been a great deal of talk about Government flouting the opinion of the Council.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether you speak in the capacity of the Chair or as representative of the Government?

PRESIDENT: Please sit down, Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai. The President has got certain powers and rights which perhaps you have not yet learnt.

The Chief Secretary stated that the usual principle of grading that is followed in many departments in the State Service is to have different grades of officers doing the same sort of work. Those in the higher grade get higher salaries with a chance, for those in the lower grade when vacancies occur in the Higher Grade, of rising to those posts and receiving higher salaries. What was proposed by the member who brought forward this motion in the last Budget session of the Council was that in this particular case all the officers doing a particular kind of work should be placed on what may be called a time-scale which is quite different from having officers in a graded scale. That would have been a departure from the general principle that is followed in the service; and the Government, before they decided to do that, had to consider the desirability of doing it in the case of a few officers alone. As the Chief Secretary himself said, it cannot be maintained, that once a token motion has been passed, the Government have nothing further to do. If the amount had been cut, it would have been different. But as the amount had been voted, it was for the Government to decide, taking into consideration all the circumstances, which was the proper thing to do. That is what I want to tell this House. There was no idea and there will be no idea so far as the Government are concerned, of merely flouting any view put forward by this Council. I now put the motion of Mr. N. K. Krishna Pillai to the vote of the House.

The question is to reduce the allotment of Rs. 10,850 for Typists by Rs. 330.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and lost.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): I demand a poll.

A Poll was taken with the following result

AYES. 16.

1. Mr. K. C. Chandi
2. ,, A. S. Damodaran Asan
3. ,, K. Gopalakrishna Pillai
4. ,, Joseph Kunju
5. ,, K. Krishnan Nayar
6. ,, E. V. Krishna Pillai
7. ,, N. K. Krishna Pillai
8. ,, S. Krishna Pillai
9. ,, Tariatu Kunjitomman
10. Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai
11. ,, K. Madhavan Pillai
12. ,, K. P. Madhavan Pillai (*Chirayinkil*)
13. ,, K. P. Madhavan Pillai (*Shertallai*)
14. ,, K. Narayanaperumal Nadar
15. ,, A. Thanu Pillai
16. O. M. Thomas

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NOES. 27.

1. Mr. S. Chattanatha Karayalar
2. ,, M. Govindan
3. ,, N. John Joseph
4. ,, K. C. Karunakaran
5. ,, K. I. Kocheeppan Mappilla
6. Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar
7. Mr. L. J. T. Polgreen
8. ,, M. Mahomed Mustapha
9. ,, P. S. Mahomed
10. ,, K. Padmanabha Panikkar
11. ,, Rama Varma Raja
12. ,, R. S. Subrahmanya Pillai
13. ,, N. A. Sundaram Pillai
14. ,, L. A. Bishop
15. Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai
16. ,, K. George
17. ,, P. Gomatinayakam Pillai
18. ,, P. N. Krishna Pillai
19. ,, R. Krishna Pillai
20. Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai
21. Mr. E. G. McAlpine
22. ,, C. O. Madhavan
23. ,, R. Nilakanta Pillai
24. ,, Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai
25. Dr. K. Raman Tampi
26. Mr. R. Vaidyalingom Pillai
27. ,, J. S. Westerdale

NEUTRALS. 3.

1. Mr. K. P. Abraham
2. Mrs. Anna Chandi
3. Mr. K. P. Kochukora Tarakan

The motion was declared lost, 16 voting *for* the motion, 27 *against* and 3 remaining *neutral*.

Motion 316.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : I beg to make the following motion :

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 11,396 for menial staff of the Huzur Cutcherry by Rs. 594.

Sir, when the budget proposals of the Government were placed before this House last year, it was found that there will be 3 Secretaries and 3 Assistant Secretaries. As soon as the Budget was passed and before the Budget session was prorogued, an alteration was made in the Secretariat and the number of Secretaries was reduced to 2 and the Assistant Secretaries increased to 4. The whole scheme appears to have been hatched behind the back of this House when the budget was under consideration. The Government in answer to an interpellation said that the whole question was under their consideration all that time. Now the Government come forward and say that owing to the increase in the number of Assistant Secretaries they want 6 more peons. I have to say that this matter is of greater importance to the dignity of the House than the previous motion. The re-organisation of the Huzur was brought into effect before the Budget session was prorogued and it found no place in the Budget. The Government now come and say 'even though we have done that and even though we never cared to place our proposals before the House, we want sanction of the House for six peons.' Sir, if my information is correct the non-official members of the Finance Committee unanimously opposed this proposal.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : I rise to a point of order. The motion is for a specific cut of Rs. 594 on the ground that the peons asked for are not necessary. That

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[Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai.]

being so, the question of the Secretaries and the dignity of the House do not arise. The only question that arises is whether the peons are necessary or not. He cannot challenge the existence of any other officers or bring into the debate any other question. The question of peons alone properly arises in this motion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): If the Law Member looks at page 50 of the Budget, he will see that this is due to.....

PRESIDENT: Mr. Asan, is this a token cut or a specific cut?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): This is a specific cut wherein I say that the 6 peons asked for should not be granted by this House, and for that position, I am adducing reasons. On page 62 of the Budget estimate, provision is made for the appointment of 6 peons for the two additional Assistant Secretaries. This fact was brought to the notice of the Finance Committee by the non-official members and they unanimously opposed the provision. In spite of that, Government have brought forward this proposal.

I will add only one word with regard to the question of the necessity of these peons. I find that in 1097 there were three Secretaries and four Assistant Secretaries and there were 80 peons. Now, they want 85 peons though the number of Secretaries has been reduced to two and the number of Assistant Secretaries has been increased by two. All that I say is that this is an affront to the dignity of this House and it is adding insult to injury. This House should therefore think twice before granting this additional provision.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ എതിർക്കുന്നു. ഹജൂർകച്ചേരിയിൽ ഉയർന്ന ഉദ്യോഗം കിട്ടണമെന്നു ആഗ്രഹിച്ചു ചെല്ലുന്ന അധഃകൃതവർഗ്ഗത്തിൽപെട്ട ജനങ്ങൾ അധികമില്ല. ഏതാനും ചിലർക്കു അവിടെ ഉദ്യോഗം കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതിൽഞാൻ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ അനുമോദിക്കുതന്നെ ചെയ്യുന്നു. കൂടുതൽ പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതയുള്ളവർക്കു സെക്രട്ടറിയേറ്റിൽ ഉദ്യോഗം നൽകുമെന്നു ഞാൻ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്. എന്നാൽ ഞങ്ങളിൽ പ്യൂൺ ജോലിക്കുകൊള്ളാവുന്നവർ ധാരാളമുണ്ടു്. പ്യൂൺസിനെ കുറയ്ക്കുന്നതു അധഃകൃതരെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം പറയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ വലിയ കഷ്ടമാണു്.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): പ്യൂൺസിനെ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞില്ല. കൂട്ടണ്ടാ എന്നാണു് പറഞ്ഞതു് എന്നു മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): ഗവണ്മെൻറു് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടതു കൊടുക്കണമെന്നാണു് എൻറെ അഭിപ്രായം. അങ്ങിനെ അനുവദിച്ചു കൊടുത്താൽ മാത്രമേ അധഃകൃതർക്കു അവിടെ പ്രവേശിക്കുന്നതിനും, അവിടെ എന്തെല്ലാം നടക്കുന്നു എന്നു മറ്റുള്ളവരെ ധരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനും സാധിക്കയുള്ളൂ.

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MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): മെമ്പറുടെ സമുദായത്തിലുള്ളവർക്കു ഉദ്യോഗം കിട്ടുന്നതിനു വേണ്ടിയാണോ മെമ്പർ ഈ അഭിപ്രായം പറയുന്നതു്?

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റെ നല്ല നടത്തിപ്പിനും ഞങ്ങൾക്കു കിട്ടുന്നതിനും വേണ്ടിയാണു്.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ഇതുവരെ കഴിഞ്ഞ നിയമനങ്ങളിൽ അധഃകൃതരെ വേണ്ടപോലെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): ഇല്ല.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Indurtry, North*): മേലാൽ കിട്ടുമെന്നു അനുമാനിക്കാൻ വല്ല മാർഗ്ഗവുമുണ്ടോ?

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): ഉണ്ടു്. അധഃകൃതരെ പ്ലീഡർഷായിട്ടും മറ്റും സെക്രിട്ടറിയേറ്റിൽ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. മേലാലും അതുപോലെ കിട്ടുമെന്നു വിചാരിച്ചാണു് ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെഎതിർക്കുന്നതു്. എന്റെ ഈ എതിർപ്പുമൂലം കുറെ പേക്കെങ്കിലും പ്രോത്സാഹനം ഉണ്ടാകുമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കയും കുറെ ഉദ്യോഗം അധഃകൃതർക്കു വേണ്ടി നീക്കിവയ്ക്കണമെന്നു അപേക്ഷിക്കയും ചെയ്തുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): സെക്രിട്ടറിയേറ്റിൽഇപ്പോൾ അധഃകൃതർ എത്ര പേരുണ്ടു്?

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): മൂന്നു നാലു പേർ കാണും.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): മെമ്പറുടെ എതിർപ്പുകൊണ്ടു ഉദ്യോഗം കുറയലായിട്ടു കിട്ടുമെന്നു എങ്ങിനെ വിചാരിച്ചു?

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ദയവുണ്ടായാലെ സാധിക്കുകയൊള്ളൂ.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): അതോ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു കൂടുതൽ ഉദ്യോഗം കിട്ടുമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുകയാണോ?

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): ഒരു സംഗതിയിൽ അനുകൂലിക്കയും പ്രതികൂലിക്കയും ചെയ്യുന്നതു അവരവരുടെ മനഃസാക്ഷിയുടെ പ്രേരണ അനുസരിച്ചു മാത്രമാണു്.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): മെമ്പർ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ അനുകൂലിച്ചാലും ഗവണ്മെൻറു അധഃകൃതർക്കു ഉദ്യോഗം തരികയില്ല എന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

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MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): ഇതിനു മുമ്പു ഗവണ്മെൻറു അധികൃതരിൽ നിന്നു ആളുകളെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അതിലേക്കു ഞങ്ങൾക്കു നന്ദിയുമുണ്ടു്. ഇനിയും കൂടുതൽ കിട്ടണമെന്നാണു് ഞങ്ങളുടെ ആഗ്രഹം. ഇതുയും പറഞ്ഞുകൊണ്ടു ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ എടുത്തുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Governmen*): Sir, the question for the House to consider is whether the six peons for which provision has been made in the Budget are necessary or not. I have to say that they *are* necessary. If they are not given, the two Assistant Secretaries who have been newly appointed will have to go without peons.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): How were they managing during this year?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): We appointed six peons by diverting temporarily the necessary amount from the whole allotment.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Was it not a change in the destination of the grant, I wish to ask the Law Member?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not understand the question. When these peons were appointed, there was money available to pay them and according to the practice which had been followed these several years, Government diverted the amount necessary for their pay.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): My question is whether it was not a change in the destination of the amount sanctioned by this House. I wish to have a definite answer from the Chief Secretary or from the Law Member.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is a legal question, and I am not in a position to answer the question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I would be satisfied if the Law Member would answer the question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I wish to know whether Government should not have at least laid a statement on the table?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not necessarily, because we have not certified the expenditure under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation. It is within the demand, and it was met out of savings.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are the Government entitled to spend money granted under one item in any manner they please?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Within that demand they can divert. That has been the practice here, and I believe that it is the practice in other Governments also.

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So, Sir, this is the position. The member spoke of the office having 85 peons. I am afraid the member has read through the whole list which contains mochees, peons, gardeners and attenders. The number of peons for the whole office is at present only 68, and with the six additional peons that we ask for now, the number will come to 74. These peons are absolutely necessary.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : How many peons were there in the year 1097?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 77 peons. I may also inform the House that even if these 3 peons are sanctioned for each of the Assistant Secretaries they will still be worse off than the other Assistant Secretaries who get four peons each.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Was not the reduction in the number of peons due to the reduction of the punkah pullers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Punkah pullers were entertained on the contingent establishment. The peons' posts are pensionable.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Would the learned Chief Secretary believe me that there were only 69 peons in 1097 when there were four Secretaries?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The total number for 1097 is 80, and for 1098, 78. There is a reduction of only two in the total number.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : My information is that in 1097, before the reorganisation, there were 77 peons. I had that information from the Budget of that year.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There must be an explanation for that. Probably it might be due to the fact that the member has counted a number of other posts which had already been abolished.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : I am speaking only of the number of peons.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) I was saying that these two Secretaries will get three peons each whereas the other Secretaries and other Assistant Secretaries have four each. I regret I have to oppose the motion.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Elavayai*) : നാലുശിപായിമാർവീതമുള്ളവരിൽനിന്നും ഓരോശിപായിമാരെകുറച്ച് ഈ അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് സെക്രട്ടറിമാർക്ക കൊടുക്കരുതൊ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : As a matter of fact, I have to say that some Assistant Secretaries have complained to me that it was impossible to carry on the work which is assigned to them with these three peons, because they have work not only in the office but also at home where they might receive urgent messages.

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One Assistant Secretary once told me that he had himself to go in search of a Clerk and find him out to take out an urgent file and submit it to the Government. That being so, they asked for one more peon each. We are at present coming to the Council only for three peons for each of them. It means that they would get one peon less than the other Assistant Secretaries and Secretaries.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : May I know from the Chief Secretary to Government whether, out of departmental savings, new appointments could be created ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It would only be temporary after which period sanction of the House would be asked for.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : My question was not whether it was permanent or temporary. I merely asked the Chief Secretary whether new appointments could be created out of departmental savings ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : If it is only temporary and if it can be made from the savings, it can be done. That has been the practice, at any rate. I have not looked into the legal aspects of the question.

MR. K.MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Can pensionable appointments be made from the funds saved out of contingencies?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The appointments will not be permanent and pensionable until the House has voted upon them. When the House has voted and allowed the grant, the appointments will become permanent and pensionable. Till then they will only be temporary.

The House has the power to throw the whole demand out when the sanction of the House is sought for.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : As a matter of general principle, is it permissible to create new appointments, which are pensionable, out of departmental savings ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It will not be permanent until the House has voted the grant necessary for the appointment.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : I only ask the question with regard to appointments which are made pensionable later?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The post may be in the category of pensionable posts, but it will not become pensionable until the House has voted the grant. The person appointed will be only in temporary service, and not in pensionable service.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : When they create temporary appointments that have not been provided for in the Budget nor have received the sanction of the House, do they consult their law officers as to the propriety of the procedure adopted; and have they obtained any legal opinion on the subject ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not done. In fact, we consulted the Secretary to the Madras Legislative Council once, and he wrote to say—it was some years ago when I was in the Accounts Department—that the practice obtains in Madras.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): My question was not whether they do this in Madras and whether the Madras Legislative Council Secretary was consulted. I ask whether the local law officers were consulted and whether any law officer gave it as his opinion that it would be a change in the destination of the grant, and, as such, should not be done.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No such thing was done; but Government assured themselves that they were in the right by consulting the other Legislative Council Secretaries.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): So, there would be no change in the destination of the grant?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Can the Heads of Departments also make similar appointments?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They are allowed to make diversions within the grant itself under the rules of the Account Code.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): സർ, പുതിയ ഉദ്യോഗം ഈ കൌൺസിലിന്റെ അനുമതിക്രുടാതെ സൃഷ്ടിക്കാമോ, അല്ലെങ്കിൽ അങ്ങിനെ സൃഷ്ടിച്ചതു ശരിയാണോ എന്നുള്ളതല്ല ഈ സഭയുടെ ആലോചനയ്ക്കു വിഷയീഭവിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്. നേരേമറിച്ചു ക്രുടുതൽ പ്യൂൺസിന്റെ ആവശ്യമുണ്ടോ ഇല്ലയോ എന്നുള്ള സംഗതിയാണു്. ചീഫ് സെക്രിട്ടറിയുടെ മറുപടി ഈ ക്രുടുതലായിട്ടാവശ്യമുള്ള പ്യൂൺ.സ് അത്യാവശ്യമാണെന്നും, ക്രുടുതലായിട്ടു നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള രണ്ടു് അസിസ്റ്റൻറുസെക്രിട്ടറിമാരുടെ ജോലി നിവ്വഹിക്കുന്നതിനു ഈ പ്യൂൺസിന്റെ നിയമനം ഒഴിച്ചുക്രുടാൻ പാടില്ലാത്തതാണെന്നുമാണു്. ആ സ്ഥിതിക്കു ഉത്തരവാദിത്വമുള്ള ഈ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാക്കു ശരിയായി ജോലിചെയ്യുന്നതിനുള്ള സൌകര്യം നാം കൊടുക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നതു ശരിയല്ല എന്നാണു് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. ഇതു നാം അനുവദിക്കുന്നപക്ഷം ഈ സാമ്പത്തികാധിപ്രുതനകാലത്തു സാധുക്കളായ ആരുപേക്കാണു് ഈ ജോലി കിട്ടുന്നതു്. അതും ക്രുടി ഈ സന്ദർഭത്തിൽ ആലോചിക്കേണ്ടതാണു്.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): ഇവക്കു കൊടുക്കുന്ന പണം എവിടെയുള്ളതാണു്?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominasted*): P. W. D. ബഡ്ജറിനെക്കുറിച്ചു സംസാരിച്ചപ്പോൾ ഈ സാമ്പത്തികാധിപ്രുതനകാലത്തു ജനങ്ങൾക്കു ക്രുടുതൽ തൊഴിലുണ്ടാക്കാൻ പുത്തൻ വേലകൾക്കായി ക്രുടുതൽപണം അനു

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[Mr. P. S. Mahomed.]

വർദ്ധിക്കണമെന്ന അഭിപ്രായം പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായ ഈ കൌൺസിലിൽ സാധുക്കളായ ആവശ്യക്കാർ തൊഴിൽ കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു ഒരു സന്ദർഭം വന്നിരിക്കുമ്പോൾ മുമുകുന്നതു ശരിയല്ല എന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. ആയതുകൊണ്ടു ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപേക്ഷാപത്തെ ശക്തിയായി എതിർക്കുന്നു.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I beg to press the motion to a division.

PRESIDENT: Have you anything more to say, Mr. George?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have nothing more to add to what I have stated already.

PRESIDENT: I shall put Mr. Damodaran Asan's motion to the vote of the House.

The question is: "To reduce the allotment of Rs. 11,396 for menial staff of the Huzur Cutcherry by Rs. 594."

The motion was put to the vote and lost.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I demand a poll.

A poll was taken with the following result:—

AYES—15.

1. Mr. K. P. Abraham
2. ,, K. C. Chandi
3. ,, A. S. Damodaran Asan
4. ,, K. Gopalakrishna Pillai
5. ,, Joseph Kunju
6. ,, K. P. Kochukora Tarakan
7. ,, E. V. Krishna Pillai
8. ,, N. K. Krishna Pillai
9. Mr. S. Krishna Pillai
10. ,, Tariatu Kunjitomman
11. ,, K. Kunjukrishna Pillai
12. ,, K. Narayanaperumal Nadar
13. ,, Rama Varma Raja
14. ,, A. Thanu Pillai
15. ,, O. M. Thomas

NOES—26.

1. Mrs. Anna Chandi
2. Mr. S. Chattanatha Karayalar
3. ,, M. Govindan
4. ,, N. John Joseph
5. ,, K. C. Karunakaran
6. ,, K. I. Kocheeppan Mappilla
7. ,, Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar
8. ,, L. J. T. Polgreen
9. ,, M. Mahomed Mustapha
10. ,, P. S. Mahomed
11. ,, R. S. Subrahmanya Pillai
12. ,, N. A. Sundaram Pillai
13. ,, L. A. Bishop
14. Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai
15. ,, K. George
16. ,, P. Gomatinaykaom Pillai
17. ,, P. N. Krishna Pillai
18. ,, R. Krishna Pillai
19. Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai
20. Mr. E. G. McAlpine
21. ,, C. O. Madhavan
22. ,, R. Nilakanta Pillai
23. ,, Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai
24. Dr. K. Raman Tampi
25. Mr. R. Vaidyalingom Pillai
26. ,, J. S. Westerdale

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NEUTRALS—5.

1. Mr. S. Krishna Pillai	4. Mr. K. P. Madhavan Pillai (*Shertallai.*)
2. ,, K. Madhavan Pillai	5. ,, K. Padmanabha Panikkar
3. ,, K. P. Madhavan Pillai (*Chirayinkil.*)	

The motion was declared lost, 15 voting *for* the motion and 26 *against*. 5 remaining *neutral*.

Motions 317 to 322.

The following motions were not moved :—

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :

317. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 11,396 for menial staff of the Huzur Cutcherry by Rs. 594.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

318. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,32,114 for establishment by Re. 1.

MR. K. C. CHANDI :

319. To omit the allotment of Rs. 10,000 for travelling allowance.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

320. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 10,000 for travelling allowance by Rs. 5,000.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

321. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 10,000 for travelling allowance by Rs. 3,000.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN :

322. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 10,000 for travelling allowance by Rs. 10.

Motion 323.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Sir, am I in order to make this motion and speak on it under Allowances ?

PRESIDENT : You cannot do it. I rule it out of order.

Motions 324 to 328.

The following motions were not moved :—

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLA :

324. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 10,000 for travelling allowance by Rs. 10.

HUZUR CUTCHERRY—*Supplies and Services and Contingencies.*

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

325. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,101 for supplies and services and contingencies by Rs. 10,000.

MR K. C. CHANDI :

326. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,101 for supplies and services and contingencies by Re. 1.

Motions for reduction of total grant.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :

327. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,67,215 for Huzur Cutcherry by Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

328. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,67,215 for Huzur Cutcherry by Re. 1.

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Motion 329.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I beg to move the following motion.

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,67,215 for Huzur Cutcherry by Re. 1.

Sir, my object in making this motion is to point out the inefficiency of the General Administration. Whatever aspect of the General Administration we take into account, we find that inefficiency permeates through all Departments—I mean there is all round inefficiency. To begin with, I may refer to the way in which this House is treated by the Government. I have to refer to a number of points, so that I shall make only a few observations with regard to each of them,

Now, Sir, the last motion brought forward by Mr. Asan disclosed the fact that the Secretariat reform was effected by the Government just at the time this Council was in session last year. That was the budget session of the Council, and every reasonable man expects that all proposals of the Government for the coming year affecting the public revenue would be brought forward for discussion in this House. What did we find in regard to the Secretariat reform? I know that the Chief Secretary will object to the use of that phrase. He would say that there was no general reform of the Secretariat and that only some changes were made there. I know also that on a former occasion the Chief Secretary objected to the use of this phrase. At any rate, *I* would call it "Secretariat reform." It was effected when this House was in session and while we were considering the budget for this year; yet absolutely no mention was made in the Budget of any proposal to make any change in the Secretariat. It was admitted on a subsequent occasion that those changes were being made at the time when this Council was in session and were given effect to on the day following or a day or two after the termination of the Budget Session of the Council. I do not know, Sir, how to characterise this attitude of the Government towards the Council. The answer given to me by the Chief Secretary was that the matter had not been finally disposed of when the Budget was prepared. Now I ask, Sir, is it a statement that any reasonable man would make bold to put forward? I do not think I need expatiate further on this matter. Of course, I take it as a deliberate attempt on the part of the Government not to bring the proposed reform for discussion by the members of this Council. The Government did not consider it fit to take the members of this Council into their confidence in regard to this matter. They wanted to have things done in their own way. In short, Sir, they wanted to ignore this Council altogether in respect of that very important step which they took. And what was it that they did? They reformed the whole Secretariat; they made substantial changes in the number of Secretaries; they appointed new Secretaries; they changed the pay of the Secretaries and did all sorts of things which entail substantial additional cost. The Council was kept in the dark about all these. I can understand the position if the Government did it at a time when the Council was not sitting. But this was done

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at the time the Budget was being discussed; and yet, they did not think it proper to inform us of anything. They in fact ignored this House altogether. I can only infer, from the step that the Government took and from the attitude of the Government in this matter, that the Government would wish very much that this House were not in existence. Sir, that is really a melancholy state of things. We do not expect that at all of a Government that understands its duties, its responsibilities and its functions properly.

Then even, in regard to the other matters connected with this Council, what is it that they do? They would not answer the questions that we give notice of. Of course, they answer only such questions as can be answered, conveniently and without their faults being exposed. I put this very morning a question, and, in relation to that matter, what is it that the Chief Secretary said? He said that he could not discuss that matter here. Sir, why is it that it should not be discussed here? Is it one of the things that are removed from the purview of the Council by Statute? The Chief Secretary says that there are special considerations that weigh with the Government in the matter of appointing persons in the public service which cannot be discussed on the floor of this House. Now, Sir, where is the law that provides for these special considerations? Is it the special business of any body, any private business of any body that is being dealt with here? Sir, the appointment of persons in the Secretariat is nobody's private business. I can understand certain things being debarred from consideration here by law. I must submit to it so long as I am not in a position to change the law and to alter the constitution. But is there anything like that in the matter of appointing a few clerks in the Secretariat? The Chief Secretary to the Travancore Government says to the representatives of the people of Travancore that there are special considerations in the matter of certain appointments which he is not prepared to discuss on the floor of this House! What shall I say to that attitude, Sir, and how are the people to view that statement? Is it not clear that there is something behind all this that Government are ashamed of disclosing to the view of the public, something that is rotten, some thing that cannot stand public scrutiny? Otherwise, how is that position to be maintained? I should like to hear the Chief Secretary himself, or for the matter of that the Law Member, on this point, and I would be glad if they convince any reasonable man, that their position, that there are special considerations influencing the Government in the matter of appointing Clerks in the Secretariat, is tenable. Sir, this method of administering the State affects the whole administrative machinery. It is not in this particular matter alone, but so far as Government are concerned, or the administration is concerned, we find that to-day personal interests and private intersts are allowed to dominate and public interests are allowed to be submerged. In the matter of appointing persons to high offices, we find inviduous distinctions being made. When a person in favour is to be dealt with, there is one kind of treatment. When it is the case of a

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person who does not care to curry favour with the authorities concerned we find a different kind of treatment. I do not wish to expatiate on this matter because the time at my disposal is short. Yesterday, Sir, I referred to a statement supplied to this House wherein a large number of teachers were given large sums of money because they were confirmed in higher places with effect from an earlier date. I refer to that simply to show that that is done in the case of some people. But, in the case of some others, not excluding Heads of Departments and heads of institutions, such things are not done. I may refer to one matter just for the purpose of illustration. The present Inspector of Vernacular Schools was appointed to be in independent charge. About a year after his appointment he was confirmed but not from the date on which he took charge. He was confirmed only from the date of the order. In the case of the teachers, we find they have been confirmed from a much earlier date than the date on which they were confirmed and some teachers were given as much as Rs. 2,000 each in lump sums.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): May I inform the member that the cases cited are not parallel? In the case of grade promotions, the rule of the T. S. R. is that the appointments should be filled up from the date of the vacancy.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is there not a rule that the office of the Inspector of Schools should be filled on the date on which the vacancy arose?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am referring to the rule in the T. S. R. according to which grade promotions are to be made from the date of the vacancies. The promotion of a Second Grade Teacher to a First Grade Teacher is one involving no change of duties.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): That is a wonderful rule. Is there any rule which prohibits theHead of a Department or any other officer from being confirmed from the date of the vacancy? I do not think there is any such rule. I do not know why such invidious distinctions are made in the case of similar vacancies. I should not be understood as pleading for anybody. It is not my business at all. But, I want Government to be above personalities and above private considerations.

Sir, in regard to the expenditure of public money, Government have become most reckless. What is it that we see in regard to the railway? I may not be allowed to proceed much further on this question, but I have to express my condemnation of the way in which money is being spent on railway and the way in which the work is being delayed and prolonged. The result is loss to Government and to the public.

I have also to say a word in this connection in regard to the attitude that the Government take towards the people, public opinion and public interests. We heard a good deal in this House about what took place in Shertallai early this year. What was it that the Government

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did? The matter was brought home to the Government that the Police were oppressing the people but the Government did not move an inch in the matter. Mr. P. S. Mahomed, a member of this House who comes from a place near Shertallai, while supporting a motion before this House, admitted that the Police oppressed the people of Shertallai. I refer to that because Mr. P. S. Mahomed's statements are particularly valuable on this matter. When this question was discussed in this House the then Dewan-President promised to look into the matter and do the needful. What has the Government done? They do not care for the rights of the people.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Did Mr. Mahomed admit that the Police oppressed the people? I do not think Mr. P. S. Mahomed admitted it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do *I* understand Malayalam better or does Mr. Bishop understand it better?

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): May I know from the member whether he was a member of the Shertallai Enquiry Committee?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I say I *was* a member, and I am not ashamed to own it.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Did the committee exclude a section of the public who volunteered to give evidence?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Absolutely none was excluded. We held the enquiry in an open place and we invited all people to come and give evidence before the committee.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Did any party of possible witnesses wait on the committee with the request to allow them a reasonable opportunity to give evidence?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): No, Sir; one or two people came to us.....

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Did they request the committee at least to put in their written statement as an appendix to the possible record of the committee?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): One or two people came to us; they wanted us to go to another place.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): What was the reply?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): We said that there was absolutely no objection to any one coming to the place where we held the meeting and giving us the benefit of their testimony.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Did the committee insist upon particular individuals to give their evidence in particular places which were not at all convenient to those people?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): No, there is absolutely no foundation for that statement.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Were the people who wanted you to go to a particular place in any way related to the D. S. P. of Kottayam, Mr. Daniel?

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I cannot say that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : How many people came in with a request of that kind ?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Are we dealing with the Travancore Government or with Mr. Thanu Pillai's Government ?

PRESIDENT : Mr. Thanu Pillai is on his legs and he makes a statement about the Shertallai Enquiry Committee ?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Two people came to me, Sir, and I have placed before this House the substance of a conversation that took place amongst us. We really wanted everybody to give evidence; we wrote to responsible Government Officers also inviting them to give evidence before the committee. The Enquiry was held in an open place.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : Will the member tell me what he means by an 'open place'?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : A place accessible to the public so far as that enquiry was concerned.

Sir, I was led away from my point by these interruptions. I was saying that Government promised to look into the matter; but they did not do so, and neglected to care for the interests of the public.

Then again, Sir, we have heard a good deal about Press prosecutions and Press suppressions recently. Of course, I am not going into the merits of particular cases. But one point I want to make clear to this House, and that is, that the Travancore Government has been in existence for centuries and we have never found such a large number of Press prosecutions and Press suppressions as we find today. I do not want to go into the question, whether the persons were guilty or not. That is not the point at issue. But I must say the necessity for such a large number of Press prosecutions arises only when there is something really serious and rotten so far as the Government are concerned. That is the point I want to emphasise, apart from individual cases. I make bold to say that the people are discontented with the kind of the administration they are getting, and that is the cause of all the trouble. Government will do well to take the warning in time.

Then, Sir, I have to make one other charge against Government, namely, that in very important matters affecting the prosperity of the people, they do not care to take any real interest. Now, there is the great economic depression prevailing throughout the land. We have heard a good deal of what the Government have been able to do. So far as I can see, they have done nothing. They have appointed a committee. The committee submitted a very urgent recommendation. After receipt of the recommendation Government slept over the thing for one-and-a-half months, and then passed an order negativing the recommendation. The Economic Depression Enquiry Committee has made other recommendations also and we would wait and see what the Government are

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going to do with them. We do not see any activity at all displayed by the Government in the direction of improving the condition of the people, or the tone of the administration.

PRESIDENT : Your time is up.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Sir, I resume my seat.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : The clear confession made by the Chief Secretary this morning in reply to Mr. Thanu Pillai's question is very significant. It reveals a state of affairs least to be desired. It exposes the Travancore Government. The Travancore Government which found its strength and comfort in the welfare of the people, that Government which, in its anxious solicitude for the welfare of the people, wanted to take them into their confidence, that Government, Sir, is reduced now to a sad plight when their Chief Secretary says that, in the matter of appointments and promotions that go a long way in the administration of the State, they are swayed by considerations which cannot be divulged to the representatives of the people. The most serious defect that has to be noted in the preresent administration of the State is, that the central authority is rather unwilling to delegate its functions and powers to the subordinate officers. We are experiencing this even in the matter of appointments of some petty Clerks and Typists. Government have shown what their attitude is in answering questions put to them by the representatives of the people. This difficulty arises because the central authority is rather reluctant to be deprived of the powers that it enjoys in the matter of official patronage. The functions which they are mostly concerned with consist of the distribution of patronage ; and the serious disadvantages which result from this most extreme nature of centralisation are, I submit, twofold. In the first place, those who are responsible for the administration of the State do not find it possible to devote their attention to the inauguration of new policies, to the rectification of the defects that exist in the policy hitherto pursued and to broad-base the administration on a sound basis of universal application. They are too much distracted. Their attention is drawn to the conflicting aspects of the details of patronage. In the second place, those who are responsible for the administration of the State have to be, like Caesar's wife, above suspicion. Here communal rivalries, caste prejudice and all other kinds of internal differences that disfigure the fair name of Travancore can be attributed to the way in which these powers of appointments are reserved in the hands of a few. And, in these circumstances, certainly, the Government cannot find fault with those critics who say, probably in season and out of season, that those who are responsible for appointments are partial. And therefore Government cannot legitimately get upset at the criticisms either in the press or on the platform. I am reminded of some observations, made by a distinguished Dewan of an important Native State in India, who visited Travancore some months back, that it was on account of the centralisation of the powers vested in the Dewan here that he finds himself unable to devote his attention to matters that more vitally affect

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the State. I also wish to refer to the Newspapers Regulation, the prosecutions under which have increased of late. When this obnoxious piece of legislation was promulgated, it came in for a good deal of criticism, and I think that an undertaking was given that the provisions of the Regulation would only be very rarely resorted to. Since then how many prosecutions have been launched upon? It would appear that the Government have been lying in wait as it were to pounce on any public organ, the moment they think that it is giving out views not to their taste; and immediately the monstrous provisions contained in this Regulation are cruelly put into execution. Also, considerable difficulties are being experienced by persons who want to start new newspapers in as much as they are asked to wait for a long time and also to pay exhorbitant fees in the shape of license fees. These go to prove that there is something rotten inside and that suspicion may legitimately and justly be entertained by the people in regard to the activities of the Government, the mentality of the Government and the attitude of the Government towards the people. What I submit is that these have to be remedied. With these words, I support the motion.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvungad*): In rising to support the motion of Mr. Thanu Pillai, I desire to draw the the attention of the Government to certain actions relating to the Budget allotments. I fail to see why certain items are submitted for the vote of the House while certain others are not. Even in regard to those that are submitted, the Council has a right to reduce the amount and not to increase any amount. Any how certain items are omitted, and those on which there is an agreement, between the Government side and the Council, that they are essential, it is not known whether the Government has the authority of curtailing a sanctioned amount under any convention or rule. I am referring to the nearly four lakhs of rupees allotted for the Public Works Department which have been, under orders of Government, surrendered. My question is whether the Government has the right to do so. I do not know whether it is legal, and to my mind it appears that it involves a question of statutory impropriety. If the Government has not got the right of increasing the allotments sanctioned by this Council, I contend that Government has no power to curtail it. I am not referring to those instances where savings are effected as a means of economising expenditure, nor am I referring to those cases where amounts have lapsed owing to causes which are beyond the control of the officers who are responsible for the carrying out of such works. Now, in respect of these allotments what the Council and the Government wanted was to see that certain undertakings, considered by both of them to be essential and indespensible for the promotion of the interests of the country, to be carried out in a particular way at a particular cost. In regard to these undertakings, Government went behind the back of the Council. The question is whether they were right in doing so.

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Another matter I wish to bring to the notice of the Council is that while the salaries of certain classes of officers are non-votable their travelling allowances are voted upon. During the first three days of voting of demands, endeavours were made from this side of the House to curtail the travelling allowances of certain officers. Of course, the idea uppermost in the minds of the people was that they must, by such reduction, bring to the notice of the Government that there is great necessity for effecting a retrenchment in all possible directions. Well Sir, in discussing this question, some of the Departmental Heads on the other side of the House said that they had come here under certain covenants and that they were entitled to certain rates of mileage and batta whatever the council may do. I think they were perfectly right in saying that. At the same time we are also equally entitled to curtail expenditure because it is submitted for our approval. I am at a loss to understand that. If we are not entitled to curtail or reduce this amount, why then was it placed before the Council? If it is within the purview of the Council to effect a retrenchment under grants or travelling allowance, how can the Government go behind the back of the Council and enter into a covenant or contract with these officers precluding the Council from using its right. That is a matter for the serious consideration of Government.

There is another matter which I would like to place for the consideration of the Government. On a previous occasion, when the learned Financial Secretary placed the budget before the Council, he said that we had a certain reserve amount. He seems to have freely treaded upon the reserve. I do not say that this Council has a right to say that reserves ought not to be touched. I do not know whether it is absolutely left to the authority and discretion of the Government to do whatever they like with the reserves without consulting the Council.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Does not the member know that it was pointed out in the Budget at the time of its presentation?

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): I do not remember.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It *was* pointed out.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Is it the proper way of doing things? Did he consult the Council by means of a resolution or token motion. I do not say that the Government were wrong in drawing it. I admit that the financial responsibility rests entirely with the Government. The Government asked the Heads of the Departments to surrender amounts without stating a word to the Council. They ought to have consulted the Council. I say that the order to the Chief Engineer to surrender the amount was unauthorised and constitutionaly improper.

There was so much said about the question of retrenchment in P. W. D. works. I think it is time that we look into our own frame of public expenditure. Our public revenue is dwindling. Our Excise Revenue has already started on its downward flow. There is no way

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of controlling it. It is not entirely due to the economic depression. There is an awakening consciousness in the minds of the people that drink is a bad habit.

Then, Sir, there is the question of the royalty on timber. It is about to go down. In the neighbouring State of Cochin, it has been given up. It is time that we also give it up. For every rupee that goes into the Government coffer, nearly fifty or hundred rupees is lost to the ryot for the reason that young plants are uprooted and thrown away. These, like jack-wood and cocoanut palms, are cut down for timber.

There is another question, of export duty: For the last three years I have been urging on the attention of Government that duty on our own produce is uneconomic and unwise. No civilised country is called upon to contribute a share of its produce in the shape of duty. As I said, we have here been taxed on land, produce and trees. This is unjust. Therefore, there is good reason for granting remission of taxes on a very liberal scale. Remission Rules are also quite inadequate. All these will show that we should allow a great deal of curtailment of expenditure in right directions. We must go thoroughly into the question and examine it. We must appoint a committee to go into the whole question. Such a committee was appointed in Madras. We must do that here also at least to convince the people that the Government are earnest as regards retrenchment, and that there is nothing to be done in that direction. That conviction is necessary, because, there is a general impression in the minds of the people that the Government are extravagant in their expenditure. Also, as far as possible, economy should be effected, and a committee must be appointed.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): സർ, പൊതുഭരണത്തിലുള്ള inefficiency യെപ്പറ്റി വിമർശിക്കുന്നതിനു നിർദ്ദിഷ്ടമായ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ ബലമായി പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു. ഒരു സൽഭരണത്തിന്റെ പ്രധാനഫലം ജനങ്ങൾക്കു നീതിയും ക്ഷേമവും രാജ്യത്തു സമാധാനവും ലഭിക്കുന്നതാണ്. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ഈ സാമ്പത്തികമായ വിഷമഘട്ടത്തിൽ ഗവർണ്മെൻറ് ജനങ്ങളുടെ ക്ഷേമത്തേയും രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ സുസ്ഥിരമായ കീർത്തിയേയും പരിരക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനതക്ക തരത്തിലല്ല പ്രവൃത്തിച്ചുവരുന്നതെന്നുള്ളതിനു ഞാൻ ബഡ്ജറ്റ് പൊതുവിമർശനാവസരത്തിൽ പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ ബഡ്ജറിന്റെ ഓരോ വശങ്ങളും ഉദാഹരണങ്ങളാണ്. അധികശമ്പളവും ശമ്പളക്കാരുടെ എണ്ണവും കുറച്ചു അതിൽനിന്നും ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന പണത്തേയും, പുറത്തു കടം കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ള പണത്തെ തിരിയെവാങ്ങുന്നതിനേയും ശരിയായുപയോഗിച്ചു ഈരാജ്യത്തെ ആപൽഘട്ടത്തിൽനിന്നും രക്ഷിക്കേണ്ടതു ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെകടമയായിരുന്നു. അതുസംബന്ധിച്ചു ഗവണ്മെൻറു ശ്രദ്ധിച്ചതായി കാണുന്നില്ല. ഗസറിൽ ലാൻഡുറവന്യൂഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുഷീറ്റിൽ ഓരോ

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താലൂക്കുകളിലുമുള്ള ഭൂസ്വത്തു ലേലത്തിനുള്ള എത്ര പരസ്യങ്ങളാണ് അടങ്ങിയിട്ടുള്ളതു്! ഈ തരത്തിൽ ഭൂസ്വത്തു കരത്തിനായി ലേലത്തിൽ വിറ്റുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കയാണെങ്കിൽ അതെല്ലാം ഏതാനും ചില പണവ്യാപാരികളുടെ കയ്യിലോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെകയ്യിലോ ചെന്നുചേരാൻ ഇടയുണ്ടു്. ഇതിൽ ക്രൂരതലായ ഒരു ആപൽസ്ഥിതി ഇനി വരാനില്ല. ഈ സ്ഥിതിക്കു ഒരു വലിയ പരിവർത്തനംതന്നെ രാജ്യത്തു വന്നുപോയേക്കാം. കരം കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു ഒരുകൊല്ലത്തെ കാലാവധിയെങ്കിലും കൊടുക്കാത്തതു വലിയകഷ്ടമാണു്. വസ്തുവിന്റെ ഒന്നാമത്തെ ചാർജ്ജു് കരമായതുകൊണ്ടു് കരം കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു ഗവണ്മെൻറു് കുറെ കാലാവധികൊടുക്കുന്നതിൽ ഭയപ്പെടേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ല. ആ വിധത്തിലുള്ള ഒരു കാലാവധി ജനങ്ങൾ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരുന്നിട്ടും ഗവണ്മെൻറു് ഇതുവരെ അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുത്തിട്ടില്ല. എത്രയും നിർഭ്ഗ്യരായ മനുഷ്യർ പോലും കടംകൊടുത്ത തുക തിയ്യിക്കൊടുക്കാൻ പലപ്പോഴും കാലാവധി നീട്ടിക്കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്. ഗവണ്മെൻറു് അതുപോലും ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ല. ഇതിൽ പരം ഒരു ശോചനീയമായനില ഇനിഎന്താണുവരാനുള്ളതു്. ജനങ്ങൾപൊതുയോഗംകൂടിയും മറ്റും ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ ഈ വിഷമതകൾ അറിയിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരുന്നിട്ടും ഗവണ്മെൻറു് നിഷ്കൃഷ്ടയോടെ യാതൊന്നും പ്രവൃത്തിച്ചുതായിട്ടുകാണുന്നില്ല. ഓരോതാലൂക്കിലും ൧൫൦൦-൦൧൦൦-൦൨൦൦-൦൩൦൦ നമ്പർ വസ്തുക്കളാണു് കരത്തിനു ലേലത്തിൽപോയിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതു്. ഇതു് എത്ര ഭയങ്കരമായ ഒരു സ്ഥിതിയാണു്! എന്നാൽ ഇങ്ങനെ ലേലത്തിൽപോകുന്ന വസ്തുക്കൾക്കു ശരിയായ വിലകിട്ടുമോ? ഒരിക്കലും ഇല്ല. അതിനാൽ കരത്തിനു ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു അവധി കൊടുക്കുകതന്നെവേണം. ശമ്പളച്ചിലവു കുറച്ചും, പുറത്തു കടംകൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ള പണം തിയ്യിച്ചെടുത്തും ഒരു ഭൂസ്വത്തു ജാമ്യബാങ്കു് ഏർപ്പെടുത്തി അതുവഴി ജനങ്ങൾക്കു പണം കടംകൊടുത്തും ക്ഷാമത്തിന്റെ കാഠിന്യം കുറയ്ക്കുന്നതിനാണു് ഗവണ്മെൻറു് ശ്രമിക്കേണ്ടതു്. ഈ വിഷമഘട്ടത്തിൽ ജനങ്ങളെ സഹായിച്ചു വിഷമംതീർക്കുന്നതിലാണു് ഭരണത്തിന്റെ വൈശിഷ്ട്യം വെളിപ്പെടേണ്ടതു്. അതിനു ഗവണ്മെൻറു് ഒരുങ്ങിക്കണ്ടാത്തതു എത്രയോ പരിതാപകരമാണു്. ഭരണനൈപുണ്യം ആപൽഘട്ടത്തിലാണു് വെളിപ്പെടുന്നതു്.

ഈ കൌൺസിലിൽ ജനപക്ഷത്തുനിന്നും കൊണ്ടുവന്നു പാസാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപങ്ങളേയും പ്രമേയങ്ങളേയും ആദരിച്ചു ഗവണ്മെൻറു പ്രവൃത്തിച്ചിരുന്നാൽ ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള ആപൽഘട്ടത്തിൽ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു

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രക്ഷകിട്ടുമായിരുന്നു. ഒരു ഭ്രസപത്തു ജാമ്യബാങ്കു് ഏർപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്നു ഞാൻതന്നെ ഇവിടെ ഒരു പ്രമേയം കൊണ്ടുവന്നു. കൌൺസിലിൽ മഹാഭ്രരിപക്ഷത്തോടെ പാസായി. കൃഷിക്കുപയോഗമുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ റിസർവ്വിൽ നിന്നും ഒഴിപ്പിച്ചു ജനങ്ങൾക്കു പതിച്ചു കൊടുക്കണമെന്നും ഒരു പ്രമേയം പാസാക്കി. ഗവണ്മെൻറു ഇവ നടപ്പിൽ വരുത്തിയിട്ടില്ല. ഈ ക്ഷാമകാലത്തു ആഹാരസാധനങ്ങളാണല്ലോ അത്യാവശ്യം. റിസർവ്വിൽ മരച്ചീനി തുടങ്ങിയ കൃഷികൾ ചെയ്യുന്നതിനും നെൽകൃഷി ചെയ്യുന്നതിനുമുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ ധാരാളമുണ്ടു്. അവ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു പതിച്ചു കൊടുത്തിരുന്നാൽ വളരെ കുടുംബങ്ങളുടെ പട്ടിണിക്കു പരിഹാരമുണ്ടാകുമായിരുന്നു.

ഇതിനും പുറമെ ജനങ്ങളുടെ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ നില്ക്കുന്ന വൃക്ഷങ്ങൾ കൂടി ഗവണ്മെൻറുവകയായിട്ടാണിരിക്കുന്നതു്. ഈ രാജ്യം ഇൻഡ്യയുടെ തോട്ടമാണെന്നാണു് പറയുന്നതു്. അടുത്ത ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് ജില്ലകളിൽധാരാളം ധാന്യങ്ങളുള്ളതുപോലെ ഇവിടെ ധാന്യങ്ങളല്ല അധികമുള്ളതു്; വൃക്ഷങ്ങളാണു്. അതിൽ ഏറവും വിലയേറിയ വൃക്ഷമാണു് തേക്കു്. അതു കുടിവക പുരയിടങ്ങളിൽ നില്ക്കുന്നതു അവക്കുതന്നെ പൂർണ്ണസ്വാതന്ത്ര്യമായി വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കണമെന്നു ഒരുഭേദഗതി കൊണ്ടുവന്നു പാസാക്കി. ഗവണ്മെൻറു അതു് അംഗീകരിച്ചു പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുന്നില്ല. ഇങ്ങനെ ജനങ്ങളുടെ സാമ്പത്തികവിഷമത്തേയും അസൌകര്യങ്ങളേയും പരിഹരിക്കുന്നതിനു ജനപക്ഷത്തുനിന്നും കൊണ്ടുവന്നു പാസാക്കിയ പ്രമേയങ്ങളെ അവഗണിച്ചു പ്രവൃത്തിച്ചു വന്നതുകൊണ്ടാണു് ഇപ്പോൾ ക്രൂരതൽ സങ്കടത്തിനു ഇടയായിരിക്കുന്നതു്. ഞങ്ങൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻെറ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരുന്നതായ കാര്യങ്ങളെ ഗവണ്മെൻറു ആദരിച്ചു വേണ്ട അനുഭാവം പ്രദർശ്ശിപ്പിക്കുന്നില്ലല്ലോ എന്നുള്ളതാണു് അധികം സങ്കടകരം. ജനങ്ങൾക്കു കാലസ്ഥിതിയനുസരിച്ചുള്ള സങ്കടത്തിനും പുറമെ ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻെറ അനുഭാവരാഹിത്യം നിമിത്തമുണ്ടാകുന്ന സങ്കടം കൂടി വരുന്നതു കഷ്ടത്തിലും കഷ്ടമല്ലേ? 'അഭയം ലഭിക്കേണ്ടിടത്തു നിന്നും ക്രൂരതൽ ഉപദ്രവം' എന്നുള്ള നിലയാണു് ഇപ്പോൾ വന്നിരിക്കുന്നതു്. അതിനാൽ ഈ സാമ്പത്തികവിഷമഘട്ടത്തിൽ ജനങ്ങളുടെ നേർക്കു ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻെറ കരുണ ഉടനെ ഉണ്ടാകണം. സാധുജനങ്ങളൊക്കെ ഇപ്പോൾ വളരെ കഷ്ടപ്പെടുകയാണു്. അവർക്കു തൊഴിൽ കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി ക്രൂരതൽ മരാമത്തു പണികൾ നടത്തണം. രാജ്യത്തിൻെറ ഉദ്യോഗങ്ങളിൽ ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള

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ചണികഠം ധാരാളം നടത്തേണ്ടതായിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇതിനും പുറമെ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു പണം കടംകൊടുത്തും ഉടനെ സഹായിക്കേണ്ടതാണു്.

ഇനി എനിക്കു പറയുവാനുള്ളതു് ഗവണ്മെൻറു ഉദ്യോഗ നിയമനത്തിലുംമറും വിവിധവർഗ്ഗക്കാരോടു സമഭാവനയോടു കൂടി വർത്തിക്കുന്നില്ലെന്നാണു്. ഇതുപലപ്പോഴും ഗവൺമെൻറിൻെറ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഇതുകൊണ്ടുരാജ്യം ഒട്ടുക്കു് അസ്വസ്ഥതയും അസമാധാനവും ഉണ്ടാകുന്നു. ജനങ്ങളുടെയിടയിൽ ഐകമത്യവും സമാധാനവും ഉണ്ടാക്കാൻ ഗവണ്മെൻറാണു് മുൻനിന്നു പ്രവൃത്തിക്കേണ്ടതു്. വർഗ്ഗീയമായ പെരുമാറ്റമാണു് ഈ രാജ്യത്തിൻെറ സൽകീർത്തിക്കു കളങ്കത്തെ ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതു്. വർഗ്ഗീയത പത്രങ്ങളിലും, പ്രസംഗപീഠങ്ങളിലും, പ്രതിനിധി സഭകളിലേക്കുള്ള തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പു സമയങ്ങളിൽ പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും സർവ്വത്രകാണാവുന്നതാണു്. വർഗ്ഗത്തെ നോക്കിയല്ലാതെ യൊഗ്യതനോക്കിയല്ല സാധാരണ ജനങ്ങളും പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുന്നതു്. ഉദ്യോഗനിയമനവിഷയത്തിൽ വർഗ്ഗീയപക്ഷപാതം ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതുകണ്ടുപഠിക്കുന്ന ജനങ്ങളും അതിനെ സർവ്വത്ര തുടർന്നുകൊണ്ടു പോകുന്നു. ഈ വർഗ്ഗീയ മനസ്ഥിതി ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരാണു് മറ്റുള്ളവർക്കു പഠിപ്പിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്നതു്. അവർ സ്വജനപക്ഷപാതം കാണിക്കുമ്പോൾ അതുമാതിരിയുള്ള ഒരു സമ്പ്രദായം ജനങ്ങളുംതുടങ്ങും. ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ ശരിയായിട്ടിരുന്നാൽ ജനങ്ങളും ശരിയായി തന്നെ ഇരുന്നുകൊള്ളും. ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ ഈ സ്വജനപക്ഷപാതം രാജ്യത്തിനുകളങ്കവും അപത്തും വരുത്തുന്നു. ഹജൂരിലെ സ്ഥിതി തന്നെനോക്കാം. ഹജൂരിൽ ഫ ൪ ൦-ൽ അധികം പലതരത്തിലുള്ള ക്ലാക്കന്മാരുണ്ടു്. ഓരോ ജനവിഭാഗത്തിനും ന്യായമായി കിട്ടേണ്ട പങ്കു ഇവിടെ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ? ഒരിക്കലുമില്ല. ഇങ്ങനെയാണു് ഓരോഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകളുടേയും സ്ഥിതി. ഓരോ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്മാരും ഏതുവർഗ്ഗത്തിൽ പെട്ടവരാണോ ആ വർഗ്ഗങ്ങളുടെ ജനസംഖ്യയനുസരിച്ചു കിട്ടേണ്ടതിലും നാലോ അഞ്ചോ മടങ്ങു കൂടുതലായിട്ടു ഉദ്യോഗം ആ വർഗ്ഗക്കാർക്കു കൊടുത്തുവരുന്നു.

Mr. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKN (*Kunnatnad*) : കൂടുതൽ ഉദ്യോഗം ഏതെല്ലാം സമുദായക്കാക്കാണുള്ളതു്?

Mr. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): സവർണ്ണക്കാണു്. റവന്യൂഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറാണു് ഇവയിലെല്ലാം കേമം. അതുപോലെ തന്നെ മെഡിക്കൽ, എക്സൈസ്, കോവാപ്പറേറീവു് ഇതിലെ എല്ലാ മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്മാരുടെ സ്വജാതിയിൽപെട്ടവർക്കു മറ്റുള്ളവരുടെ അവകാശങ്ങളെ അവഗണിച്ചു കൂടുതൽ ഉദ്യോഗം നൽകിവരുന്നുണ്ടു്.

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MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): വ്യവസായ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ അങ്ങിനെയുണ്ടോ?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): അതിൽ നേരെ മറിച്ചാണ്. ഏതൊരുഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലാണോ ഒരേവഗ്ഗത്തിൽപെട്ടവർ എല്ലാപടികളിലും അധികമുള്ളത് ആ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലാണ് അക്രമം അധികം നടക്കുന്നത്. അതിനു വേണ്ടസൌകര്യംകിട്ടും. ഹജൂരിൽ മറ്റുഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്മാരുടെ വഗ്ഗത്തിൽപെട്ട ധാരാളം ആളുകൾഉള്ളതുകൊണ്ട് അവിടെ നടക്കുന്ന അനീതികളെമൂടിവയ്ക്കാൻ സാധിക്കും. ദിവാൻജിയോ ചീഫ് സെക്രട്ടറിയോ വിചാരിച്ചാൽ അതു കണ്ടുപിടിക്കാൻ പ്രയാസം. ഹജൂരിൽ സഹായമില്ലാത്തവർ അനീതിക്കു ഭയപ്പെടും.

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLA (*Nominated*): വ്യവസായഡയറക്ടർ ഏതുസമുദായത്തിൽ പെട്ടയാളാണ്?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : അതു സ്പഷ്ടമാണ്. ഞാൻപറയേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ല.

ഒരുചെറിയ തിരിയെ കാറുകെട്ടുത്തിക്കളയും, എന്നാൽ വലിയ അഗ്നി കാറുകൊണ്ടു വളൻ വരികയാണ് ചെയ്യുന്നത്. അതുപോലെ അസമത്വസമുദായത്തിൽപെട്ട ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥൻ സ്വജനങ്ങൾക്കു ന്യായമായി നൽകേണ്ടതു നൽകുന്നതിനും ഭയപ്പെടണം. അതാണ് ഇവിടത്തെസ്ഥിതി. ഒരേ വഗ്ഗക്കാർ തന്നെ നിറഞ്ഞ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകളാണ് സ്വജനപക്ഷപാതത്തിൻെറ നഗ്നരൂപത്തെ അധികം പ്രത്യക്ഷപ്പെടുത്തുന്നത്. ഇതു കാസ്റ്റ്വാർ സ്റ്റേറുമെൻറു കൊണ്ടതന്നെ അറിയാം. റവന്യൂഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ ൫൦ ശതമാനം ഉദ്യോഗം അവർണ്ണഹിന്ദുക്കൾക്കും അഹിന്ദുക്കൾക്കും കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു കമ്മീഷണർ പറഞ്ഞു. ൯൦ ശതമാനവും ആ വകുപ്പിൽ സവർണ്ണർതന്നേയാണ്, ഞാൻ അതു കണക്കുകൊണ്ടു തെളിയിക്കാം. ഈ വാസ്തവത്തെ ആർക്കും നിഷേധിക്കാം. ഈ സ്ഥിതി ഭേദപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന തരത്തിലല്ല നിയമനം.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): പോലീസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൻെറ മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ അദ്ദേഹത്തിൻെറ വഗ്ഗത്തിൽ പെട്ടആളുകളെനിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണറും മറ്റു ചിലഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു മേധാവികളും അന്യദേശത്തു നിന്നുവരുന്നവരും കുറച്ചുകാലം കഴിഞ്ഞു തിരിച്ചുപോകുന്നവരുമാണ്. അവക്കിടെസ്ഥിരജനങ്ങളില്ല. ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽ നടന്നുവരുന്ന സമ്പ്രദായത്തെ അനുകരിച്ചും ആഫീസിൽ അടുത്തുള്ള സവർണ്ണരുടെ അഭിപ്രായമനുസരിച്ചും അവരും സവർണ്ണരെ തന്നെ അധികവും നിയമിച്ചുവരുന്നു. അതിനു് ആ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകളുടെ സ്ഥിതി തെളിവാണു്. ൻ o ശതമാനവും പോലീസിലും സവർണ്ണർ തന്നെ.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): യൂറോപ്യൻ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെ കൊണ്ടു കായ്യം നടത്താൻകൊള്ളുകയില്ലെന്നാണോ പറയുന്നതു ?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): അങ്ങിനെ ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞില്ല. ഇവിടത്തെ കായ്യങ്ങളെല്ലാം മനസ്സിലാക്കിവരുമ്പോഴേക്കും അവർക്കു തിരിച്ചു പോകേണ്ടതായിട്ടു വരും. അവരെ കുറെദീർഘകാലത്തേയ്ക്കു ഇരുത്തുന്നപക്ഷം കായ്യം ശരിയായി നടക്കുമായിരിക്കാം. അതിനു ഗവണ്മെൻറു സഹായിക്കയും വേണം.

MR. P GOMATINAYAKAM PILLAI (*Excise Commissionor*): എക്സൈസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ ഏതു ജാതിക്കാക്കാണു് അധികം ഉദ്യോഗംകൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ഞാൻ ആ സംഗതി ഇവിടെ വായിക്കാം.

MR. P. GOMATINAYAKAM PILLAI (*Excise Commissioner*): എക്സൈസ് കമ്മീഷണർ ഏതു ജാതിയിൽപെട്ട ആളാണു്?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): വെള്ളാളനാണെന്നാണു് ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നതു്.

MR. P. GOMATINAYAKAM PILLAI (*Excise Commissioner*): വെള്ളാളന്മാരിൽ പലതരമുണ്ടല്ലോ. അതിൽ ഏതു വിഭാഗക്കാരനാണു്?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ഉപവിഭാഗമൊന്നും എനിക്കറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. R.S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*) : എക്സൈസ് കമ്മിഷണർ ഏതു വെള്ളാളന്മാരെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): അതു പറയാം. ൫ o , o o o _ൽ ശിഷ്ടം ജനസംഖ്യയുള്ള വെള്ളാളസമുദായത്തിനു അവർ ന്യായമായി ഏതു അഫ്ഫിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ, അതിന്റെ

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[Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman.]

മൂന്നോ നാലോ മടങ്ങു് ക്ലൂതൽ ഉദ്യോഗംകൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അതിനും പുറമെ കത്തോലിക്കർക്കുസ്ഥാനികളെ വളരെ അവഗണിച്ചും പ്രവൃത്തിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

MR. P. GOMATINAYAKAM PILLAI (*Excise Commissioner*): എക്സൈസ്കമ്മീഷണർ ഏതു വെള്ളാളക്കു് ഉദ്യോഗംകൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയണം?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): നോക്കിപറയാം. അധികമുണ്ടു്.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Sir, may I know how long the member is entitled to be in possession of the House?

PRESIDENT : മി. കുഞ്ഞിത്തൊമ്മൻ, നിങ്ങടെ അഞ്ചുമിനിട്ടിൽ ക്ലൂതൽ സമയം ഏട്ടുമുകഴിഞ്ഞു.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ഞാൻ നിയമനത്തിന്റെ കണക്കുകൂടം വളരെ കുറിച്ചുവച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു് എക്സൈസു് കമ്മീഷണരുടെ നിയമനകണക്കു വായിക്കുവാൻ അതുനോക്കി ഏട്ടുക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) : Sir, I rise to support the motion of Mr. Thanu Pillai. When I do so I wish this House to understand that I do not do it with malice towards anyone. It shall be my business in the course of my speech to say some very harsh and very unpleasant things. But I want my colleagues to understand that I am actuated by charitable considerations towards all.

My esteemed friend, the Honourable Member for Trivandrum, waxed very eloquent with regard to the supersession of a few Clerks in the Secretariat. Sir, belonging as I do to a community which is not at all adequately represented in the public service of this land, how is it possible for me to speak with any restraint on the floor of this House ? Looking at Travancore one must note with grave melancholy that the privilege of citizenship is not adequately defined. I thought, Sir, that it was the greatest and most glorious privilege of a responsible citizen to fight and to die for his own native land. But, Sir, here, in this country, in this State of charity, large masses of the body politic are deprived of this most cherished right of a citizen. How is it possible to justify this in this enlightened country? Mr. President, when I plead for the right to fight for my country let it not be understood that I plead for a commission in the king's army. Mr. President, you and I are brothers; we belong to the unfortunate fraternity of the physically unfit. I am not sorry that I am physically weak and therefore unfit for military service. I am in the privileged position of being able to fight for

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my country in other respects with my tongue and pen in two languages. That, I say, is sufficient consolation for me. But, Sir, have you thought of the disastrous consequences of the civic and psychological reactions of this exclusive monopoly of one community in the matter of the military service in the State? Whenever I talk of politics, outside the House, I notice, my friends have a tendency—I am referring to my esteemed Nayar friends—to dominate the situation by this plea of exclusive military service. Sir, that vitiates politics in Travancore.

The other day, Mr. Pattom Thanu Pillai complained that we, Christian members here, have a tendency to bracket the Nayars with the Brahmins. He also said that there was something rotten in Travancore. I agree with him as far as the rottenness is concerned. But, where does the trouble arise? The trouble is due, to a very great extent, to that community to which my friend has the honour to belong. Sir, between the domination of the Brahmin and the domination of the Nayar, I prefer the domination of the Brahmin, for the simple reason that the Brahmin is less of a bully than the Nayar.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, is my friend in order when he speaks in this strain about a whole community in the State?

PRESIDENT: He thinks that the Nayar community dominates over the other communities in the State. That is his opinion.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): I am now concerned with the General Administration. I want to show how the General Administration of the country now stands.

Sir, the Brahmin is less of a bully than the Nayar. Therefore, I prefer the domination of the Brahmin to that of the Nayar.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do you still hold, Sir, that the member is in order in referring to the different communities in the State in that strain?

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): I would rather be buffetted by Mr. Krishna Aiyangar, rather than be teased by lesser men.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Thomas, I am not asking you to sit down, though I could do that also as you have already taken up your five minutes. But, I would like to suggest to you the desirability of not being so vehement on this communal question when you discuss it here. I shall allow you a minute more; and then, the time allotted for the demand expires.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Thank you, Sir.

Sir, when we raise our voice on behalf of our community, my enlightened Nayar friends here say that it is some what ignoble for a politician to plead in that strain. In the heroic days of the Malayalee Memorial agitation, the agitation was for the loaves and fishes of office; and the vanguard of that agitation was led by my Nayar friends.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Has lapse of time, all these years, no effect on my friend?

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MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) : I am very thankful to the leadership that that community took with regard to this matter; because it is a matter of great and fundamental importance to all classes of people in the State. Now, Sir, when I raise the plea of communal representation, I act only in the manner in which my Nayar friends acted about forty-five years ago. What is that Malayalee Memorial agitation? Restating it in modern language, it is nothing but communal representation. That is my justification, Sir, for my raising it now. The principle is there as an eternal principle which will stand for all time; and the Nayars are not justified in pleading for it then and in opposing its application now in this twentieth century when the right of equal citizenship is recognised throughout the civilized world.

Sir, I support the motion. I am very sorry that I have exceeded the time-limit.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Sir.....

PRESIDENT : The total time allotted for the demand now expires. This and the remaining motions lapse.

The following motions lapsed as the time allotted for the demand had expired.

Motions 329 to 357.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI:

329. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,67,215 for Huzur Cutcherry by Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

330. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,67,215 for Huzur Cutcherry by Rs. 2.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN :

331. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,67,215 for Huzur Cutcherry by Rs. 5.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI:

332. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,67,215 for Huzur Cutcherry by Rs. 10.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :

333. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,67,215 for Huzur Cutcherry by Rs. 10.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED :

334. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,67,215 for Huzur Cutcherry by Rs. 10.

MR TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN:

335. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,67,215 for Huzur Cutcherry by Rs. 100.

15 C.—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—*Allowances.*

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

336. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 17,000 for travelling allowance by Rs. 5,000.

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLA :

337. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 17,000 for travelling allowance by Re. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—*Contingencies.*

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :

338. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,000 for purchase of books and periodicals by Rs. 10.

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MR. K. C. CHANDI :
389. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,400 for contingencies by Re. 1.

Motions for reduction of total grant.

MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMPUTIRIPAD ;
340. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,400 for Legislative Council by Re. 1.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :
341. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,400 for Legislative Council by Re. 1.

MR. K. C. CHANDI :
342. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,400 for Legislative Council by Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :
343. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,400 for Legislative Council by Re. 1.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU :
344. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,400 for Legislative Council by Re. 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :
345. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,400 for Legislative Council by Re. 1.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN :
346. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,400 for Legislative Council by Rs. 5.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED :
347. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,400 for Legislative Council by Rs. 10.

15—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—SRI MULAM POPULAR ASSEMBLY.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN :
348. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 13,300 for Sri Mulam Popular Assembly by Rs. 5.

Motions for reduction of total grant under Demand X.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR :
349. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 2,12,415 under Demand X by Re. 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :
350. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 2,12,415 under Demand X by Re. 1.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU :
351. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 2,12,415 under Demand X by Re. 1.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI :
352. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 2,12,415 under Demand X by Rs. 5.

MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMPUTIRIPAD :
353. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 2,12,415 under Demand X by Rs. 10.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI :
354. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 2,12,415 under Demand X by Rs. 10.

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356. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 2,12,415 under Demand X by Rs. 10.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED :
357. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 2,12,415 under Demand X by Rs. 10.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I oppose ; and I want the House to be divided.

PRESIDENT : Upon what ?

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : If the time allotted for the demand is over and if the demand is put to the House, I wish tooppose, and I want the House to be divided.

PRESIDENT : Why not you wait till I put it ?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I must honestly submit, Sir, that I find it difficult to hear you in full; I do not want to be late in raising my opposition.

PRESIDENT : But, at any rate, you have to do it only in time, and not prematurely.

I now put to the House Demand X—General Administration, Heads other than Account Office, for Rs. 2,12,415.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I oppose, and I want the House to be divided.

PRESIDENT : I rule that no voting by division arises at this stage. I therefore put the demand to the House and take it as carried (*Cries of "No", from Messrs. Thanu Pillai and Kunjukrishna Pillai.*)

The grant was made.

The House adjourned for lunch at 2-10 P. M. and re-assembled at 2-55 P. M.

DEMAND XI—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—ACCOUNT OFFICE.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,10,664, under Demand XI—General Administration—Account Office.

The following motions were not made :

Motions 358 to 363.

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLA :

358. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 99,374 for establishment by Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

359. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 99,374 for establishment by Rs. 225.

ACCOUNT OFFICE—*Allowances.*

MR. K. C. CHANDI :

360. To omit the allotment of Rs. 5,500 for travelling allowance by Rs. 10.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN :

361. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,500 for travelling allowance by Rs. 10.

ACCOUNT OFFICE—*Supplies and Services and Contingencies.*

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH :

362. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,790 for supplies and services and contingencies by Re. 1.

Motions for reduction of total grant under Demand XI.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) :

363. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1,10,664 under Demand XI by Re. 1.

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